Tories deny smear campaign against Ashdown

BY PHILLP WESSTER AND MELINDA WITTSTOCK

THE Conservative party last night issued a blanket denial of claims that a cabinet minister smeared Paddy Ashdown during the general election campaign.

After a day-long enquiry into allegations by Kelvin MacKenzie, editor of The Sun, that he had been approached by a cabinet minister offering names and addresses of women said to have had an assocition with the Liberal Democrat eader, Conservative central office delivered a rebuttal in a short

A senior spokesman said that the

the daily course of the election campaign who would have routinely spoken to the press were Chris Patten, the former chairman, and Lord Wakeham, now leader of the House of Lords. The statement added: "Both of them deny categorically knowing anything about or giving to The Sun or any other newspaper the names, addresses or telephone numbers of women al-leged to have had affairs with Mr Ashdown. Indeed every member of the cabinet denies the allegation

and would deplore such action." It is understood that senior party officials contacted members of the cabinet during the day to ask whether they knew anything of Mr. MacKenzie's allegations.

As enquiries were continuing yesterday, Kelvin MacKenzie, The Sun's editor, disclosed that he had also been approached during the election by a Labour MP seeking to discredit Nell Kinnock, the former Labour leader "The investment and the control of the seeking to discredit Nell Kinnock, the former Labour leader "The investment and the seeking to the seeking to discredit Nell Kinnock, the former labour leader "The investment and the seeking to the seeki Labour leader. "We investigated [the claims] but they turned out not to be true and then Neil Kinnock accuses us of smearing him." he

His disclosures, before the central office statement, came as John Smith, the new Labour leader, raised the stakes in the debate about privacy for senior politicians, calling on the prime minister to say which of his ministers approached the tabloid if Mr MacKenzie was

not prepared to name his source. This is a question of probity and principle in public life and I believe the prime minister shald find out precisely who said what and take action to ensure that there is no recurrence," Mr Smith said.

Earlier, Tory central office would neither confirm nor deny Mr Mac-Kenzie's allegation that a cabinet minister had contacted him with the names, telephone numbers and eroneously, to have had affairs with Mr Ashdown. A Tory official said the allegation had come to the party "like a bolt from the blue".

Central office was now trying to get to the bottom of the story, but an enquiry would take some time. Ministers were being asked whether they knew anything about the alleged contact. Mr MacKenzie's allegations, amid growing calls from politicians for the introduction of a privacy bill to prevent press intrusions into private lives, sent a tremor through the Tory party, with MPs speculating about whether Mr MacKenzie would be bounced into naming names. The cabinet minister concerned would have no choice but to resign.

Mr Smith, who has kept out of

the furore over the Mellor allega-tions, said: "It is usually the newspapers that demand people should be named. In these circumstances, if Mr MacKenzie is not prepared to reveal the name of this minister then it is incumbent upon Mr Major to establish which of his ministers was involved and to make

a public statement." Mr MacKenzie said: "Here, on the one hand, we have Number 10 demanding privacy and, on the other hand, members of the Continued on page 16, col 1

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Halford drops sex bias case for £142,000

THE decision to retire Alison Halford as Assistant Miss Halford, 52, once Brit-Chief Constable of Merain's highest-ranking policewoman, is understood to be seyside on an enhanced suffering from stress and an pension and with a lumparthritic knee, warranting early retirement on health sum of £142,600, drop-ping all disciplinary grounds. She will retire on August 31, receiving a pen-sion of £35,836 a year which charges against her, was criticised last night as a will be enhanced by an undis-closed sum because of her ill "back-stage stitch-up" and a victory for lawyers. health, and a lump sum of Merseyside police authority

voted yesterday, by the nar-In her 26 days of evidence to the tribunal Miss Halford row margin of ten votes to eight, with three members made many critical claims against Merseyside police, in-cluding what she believed to abstaining, in favour of a settlement that will end the sex discrimination case be the "desperate abuse" of brought by Miss Halford at the system within the force. an industrial tribunal against This, she said, allowed offi-cers accused of disciplinary the chief constable of Mersey side, the Home Secretary, the North-West inspector of con-stabulary and the Northampoffences and who then be-

BA joins

air giant

British Airways is buying

America's fourth largest

airline, USAir Group, for

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airline alliance in the

The partnership will

have annual revenues of

£9 billion. Carrying al-

most 79 million passer-gers a year, the alliance

will outrank American Airlines and Delta, the

world's two biggest carriers....... Pages 17, 21

between a High Court judge and Today news-paper will be decided not

by a jury but by another judge, a breakthrough in

litigation that could set a

Father's plea

The father of Rachel Nickell, who was stabbed to

death after a sex attack on

Wimbledon Common, has

appealed for clues to trap

the "monster" who killed her. Andrew Nickell, 52,

has returned from a holi-

day in Canada...... Page 3

Strathclyde Regional Council, Britain's biggest

local authority, is among

several councils ap-

proached for training pro-

grammes by a London group linked to New Age

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Western world.

Barry Sheerman, MP for Huddersfield and Labour's home affairs spokesman, accused those involved in the stage stitch-up" in which jus-tice had not been seen to be done: "I feel disappointment and frustration that we have not reached a final conclusion. This has cost the taxpayer a great deal of money without the satisfaction of a clear-cut decision. What we wanted was a proper evalua-tion both of the alleged discrimination against Alison Halford and her alleged fail-ure to perform her duties."

David Jackson, leader of the Labour group on Wirral Council, said: "My main an-noyance is that I believe there is a case to answer on the disciplinary procedure, nothing to do with the sex dis-

Libel deal crimination case." Miss Halford had faced Damages in a libel action

Lamont holds the line on public spending

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JUL SHERMAN

THE Chancellor last night underlined his determination to control public spending and declared he would have "no truck" with those who argued that the country could cope with slightly higher

On the eve of today's special cabinet session on public expenditure. Norman Lamont made plain that the government's objective remained to reduce spending as a proportion of gross domestic.

He and his Treasury chief secretary. Michael Portillo, face bids from Whitehall de-

believed to have disturbed the Home Secretary. The 40-day hearing in Manchester is likely to end today when the ribunal meets. Only Miss Halford's side of the case has

disciplinary charges after

being accused of swimming

in her underwear with

another police officer in a private pool at the home of a Wirral businessman when

she was the most senior police

officer on duty in Merseyside. As a result of her retirement

these charges will be dropped

Labour councillor Cathy

Wilson, one of three police

authority members who origi-

nally voted against taking dis-

ciplinary action against Miss Halford, also criticised the decision. "The whole issue of equal opportunities is above

price in my opinion, but I think what you've seen today

The cost of the hearing, put

at more than £1 million, is

is a lawyers' victory."

Her personal solicitor said last night that the affair had been an appalling ordeal for his client. He criticised the parties involved for their "de-liberate attempt" to wear her

"Alison Halford is a human being and whatever has been done or not done, it has been a scandal that these matters should have been protracted by the Chief Constable of Liverpool, the Home Office and everybody else for 18 months, making a mock-ery of the industrial tribunal procedure," he said.

partments for extra spending

They are expected to in-

clude a request from Peter Lilley, the social security sec-retary, for at least £1.6 billion

to meet the benefit costs of

higher than expected unem-

ployment; up to £800 million

from Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, to fund the

community-care programme, and up to £1 billion from

Michael Howard, the envi-

ronment secretary, to bring in the council tax. There was Continued on page 16, col 8

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totalling some £14 billion.

Four hours of tests Ches left, page : at eleven Diary, page 12 Need for reform, page 12 Leading article, page 13

By JOHN O'LEARY

NEW national curriculum tests for 11-year-olds will be brought in for up to 80 per cent of primary schools next spring, John Patten, the edu-cation secretary, said

The children are to sit four hours of written tests in English, mathematics and science, similar to the tests taken last month by 14 year olds. Mr Patten emphasised that the tests for eleven year olds are not a return to the eleven olus, as they are not designed

for selection.

The tests are part of the government's strategy to raise standards, to inform teachers, pupils and parents how well children are doing by highlighting strengths and weaknesses, showing where help is needed.

UN leader attacks Carrington accord

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations secretary-general has clashed with about its peace plan for Bosnia-Herzegovina, questioning the feasibility of the agreement reached between the warring factions in London last week.

Golden handshake: Alison Halford retires on August 31

In an angry letter to mem-bers of the United Nations Security Council, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the increasingly autocratic UN head. complained that he was not consulted about the peace agreement and has "serious reservations" about the role it envisages for the United Nations. He said Lord Carrington, the EC's chief negotiator, ignored his warning that the ceasefire agreement was "not

Lord Carrington responded yesterday by saying that the peace plan, if it could be Tests next spring, page 16 made to work, "would be

realistic".

likely to stop the war". In an interview with the BBC, he said: "As far as I was concerned, it was not a question of consultation, it was a re-

quest that he [Boutros Ghali]

should do this by the three

warring parties."
While diplomats and officials at the United Nations tried to play down the dispute, the security council sub-committee overseeing UN sanctions against the rump Yugoslav state ruled that Serbian and Montenegrin athletes could compete as individuals in the Barcelona Olympics, but that teams from Yugoslavia would be banned. The decision means that runners and swimmers will be able to take part under the Olympic flag, but Yugo-slavia's soccer, basketball and Continued on page 16, col 3

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Cairo visit ushers in era of harmony

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER

A RENEWED era of harmony between Egypt and Israel, reminiscent of the heady days after the 1979 peace treaty, was ushered in yesterday by a two-hour summit between President Mubarak and Yitzhak Rabin, the new Israeli prime minister.

Arab and Israeli sources said that the success of the meeting was expected to play a significant role in the bid by James Baker, the US Secretary of State, to revive the Middle East peace process. Mr Baker is due in Egypt later this week and, according to Western officials, will follow up on Egypt's role as a middle man helping to bridge the gap between Israel and more radical Arab states.

A beaming Mr Mubarak announced without hesita-tion that he had accepted an invitation to visit Israel, having rejected any such courts during the rule of the Likud government. "Mr Rabin invited me, but frankly speaking, I need no invitation," the Egyptian leader said. "My response to Mr Rabin is

Afterwards, Mr Rabin laid wreath on the tomb of President Sadat. The wreath said in Hebrew: "With respect for the man of peace."

In an attempt to allay Arab doubts, Mr Rabin said all sides recognised that the Madrid peace process was based on UN resolutions that cover the exchange of land for peace but both sides had different interpretations.



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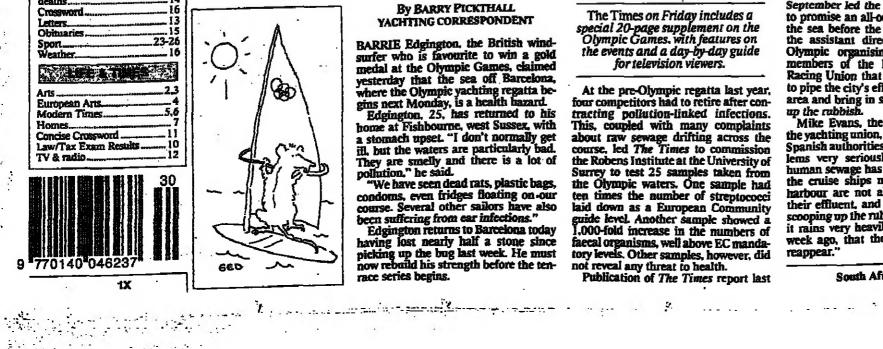
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Briton claims Olympic waters made him ill



By BARRY PICKTHALL YACHTING CORRESPONDENT

BARRIE Edgington, the British windsurfer who is favourite to win a gold medal at the Olympic Games, claimed yesterday that the sea off Barcelona, where the Olympic yachting regatta begins next Monday, is a health hazard.
Edgington, 25, has returned to his home at Fishbourne, west Sussex, with a stomach upset. "I don't normally get ill, but the waters are particularly bad. They are smelly and there is a lot of

pollution," he said.
"We have seen dead rats, plastic bags, condoms, even fridges floating on our course. Several other sailors have also

been suffering from ear infections."
Edgington returns to Barcelona today having lost nearly half a stone since picking up the bug last week. He must now rebuild his strength before the ten-

The Times on Friday includes a special 20-page supplement on the Olympic Games, with features on the events and a day-by-day guide for television viewers.

At the pre-Olympic regatta last year, four competitors had to retire after contracting pollution-linked infections. This, coupled with many complaints about raw sewage drifting across the course, led *The Times* to commission the Robens Institute at the University of Surrey to test 25 samples taken from the Olympic waters. One sample had ten times the number of streptococci laid down as a European Community guide level. Another sample showed a 1.000-fold increase in the numbers of faecal organisms, well above EC manda-tory levels. Other samples, however, did

not reveal any threat to health. Publication of The Times report last

September led the Spanish authorities to promise an all-out effort to clean up the sea before the Games. Pere Miro, the assistant director of Barcelona's Olympic organising committee, told members of the International Yacht Racing Union that plans were in hand to pipe the city's effluent away from the area and bring in sea-sweepers to clear up the rubbish.

Mike Evans, the director general of the yachting union, said yesterday. "The Spanish authorities are taking the problems very seriously. The problem of human sewage has been resolved. Even the cruise ships moored in the main harbour are not allowed to discharge their effluent, and they have four tugs scooping up the rubbish. It is only when it rains very heavily, as it did up to a week ago, that the problems seem to

South Africa returns, page 26

Patten challenged in university pay row

The rift between universities and the education department over lecturers' pay widened yesterday as vice-chancellors said they would seek legal advice, after the government refused to take the dispute to arbitration (Matthew

Ministers last week rejected the pay settlement agreed between vice-chancellors and university staff of 6 per cent, plus I per cent to be distributed locally, on the grounds that the deal was too far out of line with inflation. The government has insisted on a smaller pay rise for lecturers, as well as serious moves towards performance-related pay, before it will release £24 million held back from the

At a meeting with the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals yesterday, John Patten, the education secretary. said that lecturers were not being victimised, since other pay settlements were now around 4 per cent. The government, he said, was willing to consider a rise of just under 5 per cent, at least 0.75 per cent of which would be allocated to performance-related pay. The refusal to go to arbitration reflected "the over-riding public interest in moderating pay settlements and the growth of public spending". David Harrison, committee chairman, said that the settlement which had been agreed with lecturers was necessary to deliver a high-quality higher education service.

Floods sweep South

Homes were flooded and transport disrupted yesterday after thunderstorms and heavy rain swept southern England (Peter Victor writes). Rail services were delayed by signalling problems and some roads in Kent and Suffolk were closed by flooding, Sudbury, Suffolk, was cut off for a time by floodwater. Commuters faced delays of up to 90 minutes due to widespread signal failure, with the Colchester to Liverpool Street line worst affected. The London Fire Brigade answered 971 calls, nearly twice the average, in the 24 hours after the start of the rain.

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Briton dies in Kenya A tourist from Bristol died after the hot-air balloon she was

travelling in exploded in Kenya. Beatrice Ham, a nurse, was crossing the Masai Mara game reserve with her husband, John, as they celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. He and 11 other people were injured in the accident on Saturday. The balloon was about 20ft in the air when strong winds forced it into a tree and threw the people out. The basket fell on Mrs Ham and then burst into flames. She later died in hospital from burns. Yesterday Mr Ham flew from Nairobi to his home in Westbury-on-Trym after being treated for burns and shock.

Rents into mortgages
Council tenants will be encouraged to buy their homes by

converting their weekly rent into a mortgage payment under a scheme outlined by Sir George Young, the housing minister, yesterday. Giving the first details of the scheme, which was promised in the Conservative election manifesto, Sir George said it was aimed at tenants who were financially secure but could not afford the full price of their homes under the right-to-buy legislation. Weekly rent payments would be converted into mortgage repayments with the balance of the value of the property being retained by the council on a shared equity basis.

Drug seizures rise The value of drugs seized at London's three airports rose by

22.5 per cent last year to £57.2 million from £46.7 million in 1990. Customs and Excise said about 10 per cent of the drugs smuggled into Britain had passed through London's airports. Most drugs that arrive by air are smuggled in freight, including one find of 40 kilos of cocaine seized at Gatwick. David Chesters, who jointly runs the customs operation at Gatwick, linked the increase in seizures to drug carrels targeting Britain. "We are particularly worried by the rise in the amount of cocaine smuggled to Britain. Its street value is 50 per cent higher here than in New York." he said.

Interest Rate Change

FIRST OPTION BONDS

From noon on 21 July 1992 the first-year fixed rate of interest on offer for new purchases of FIRST Option Bonds changed from

10.34% gross (7.75% net) to 9.67% gross (7.25% net). The bonus earned by bonds

of £20,000 or more held to the first anniversary remains unchanged at 0.4% gross (0.3% net).



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Reflected glory: a portrait of Baroness Thatcher by the photographer Helmut Newton is mirrored in a glass door, right, as it is hung in the National Portrait Gallery in London yesterday. It is among portraits at the 20th Century Acquisitions exhibition opening tomorrow

Actress breaks her silence to attack 'disgusting lies'

By Melinda Wittstock, media correspondent

THE unemployed actress alleged to have had a relationship with David Mellor, the national heritage secretary, attacked her "former friends" yesterday for selling "disgust-ing lies" and "obscene untruths" about her to the tabloids.

Antonia de Sancha, 31, said her life had been totally ruined by reports alleging that she had set up the cabinet minister with a classic "kiss and tell". She denied that she had spoken to any reporters or received any payment of any kind.

Her statement, her first since The People made the relationship public on Sunday, came as Mr Mellor attacked The Daily Mirror for a front-page story claiming that his wife Judith, 43, was in danger of going blind with

retinitis pigmentosa. Mr Mellor, now in the invidious position of having to supervise the government's enquiry into the press and intrusions of privacy, refused to confirm or deny the Mirror story. But he told reporters outside his department's offices: "I can't think what public interest is being served by things being said about my wife's eyesight which causes her great distress. I'm sorry The Daily Mirror has chosen to do that. I don't think they have won themselves any

Miss de Sancha said that she felt like a "caged animal" and begged the press to leave her alone so she could rebuild her life. In a statement issued by her agent, Aquila Produc-tions, she said: I no longer feel able to maintain my si-lence in the light of allegations made about me in the press. People who I once considered my Iriends, and the depths of the gutter press have, with their disgusting lies, succeeded in hounding me to the extent that I feel like

a caged animal. "I have not at any stage spoken to any members of the press and have never received any payment of any kind," she said. "I find it amazing that the press are prepared to publish unsubstantiated stories from people who claim to

have known me at some point in my life. The people involved in the selling and publication of these obscene untruths and the invasion of my privacy have totally ruined my life and left me shattered. All I desire is to be left alone to rebuild my life

and pursue my career." Miss de Sancha has not yet complained to the Press Complaints Commission, but the self-regulatory body will this morning examine how The People obtained allegedly verbatim conversations between Mr Mellor and Miss de Sancha. The commission will also examine yesterday's report in the Mirror, although

plained. It is still unclear how The People obtained the conversations, but Bill Hagerty. the editor, insists the information was obtained legally. Richard Stott, editor of the

Mirror, said the report was "clearly in the public interest" and made it clear that emotional stress could worsen the effects of the eye disease. "Mr Mellor put his wife under enormous emotional stress and as a result of that a lot of women in this country will be making up their minds about Mr Mellor. It's clearly something that is in the public interest — about a politician who uses his family as part of his election address," he said. Mr Mellor has not com- Mr Mellor should have wor

ried about the effect on his family before he "finished up cavorting" with Miss de Sancha, Mr Stott said.

Peter Meineck, director of Aquila Productions, said Miss de Sancha was distraught when he met her on Monday night with a legal adviser. "She is coping but she has lost a lot of weight. She can't sleep or eat and she's very, very distraught. She is not a public figure. She's done nothing wrong She's done nothing illegal Most of the people who are bringing the allegations against her she's never heard of," he said.

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Indignant Fleet Street rises to the challenge

of Mellor to warn the Press it

was 'drinking in the Last Chance saloon.' While all the

time he was playing piano in the bordello next door."

The Independent seemed

to share The Sun's thrust, if

not its bedside manner. It felt

that recent invasions of priva-

cy had rekindled the threat of

new muzzles on the press. but

that: "The government

should not allow recent cases

to stampede it into a commit-

ment to privacy legislation . . . Countries that have privacy

laws usually have weak libel

laws. Ours are draconian.

Moreover, countries that

have legislated to protect pri-

vacy do not necessarily boast

a more elevated press."

IT WAS tricky to see how indignant Fleet Street could get about David Mellor's relationship with an actress when his embrarrassment coincided with news yesterday that even Jesus Christ may have been a divorced fatherof-three. The Sun rose to the

In a front page editorial it claimed that during April's election campaign, a senior Tory cabinet minister telephoned The Sun with names and addresses of three conducted affairs with Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader. The allegations proved to be unfounded.

The Sun said: "It was no coincidence that the smear on Mr Ashdown was planted at a time when the Tories' election campaign was at a low ebb. When it looked as if Mr Ashdown held the key to the outcome. Politics is a dirty business. Sometimes, by necessity, journalism is. 100."

Mellor affair demonstrates why MPs of all parties join the clamour for a privacy bill. They don't want the press's

torch of freedom shone into law or no law. So he has the dark crannies of their own painfully, made a considerable ass of himself. That lives. They only want publicishould not mean his removal ty when it suits them. What a two-faced bunch many of from office. them are. It certainly was rich

At The Daily Telegraph, editorial writers agreed that Mr Mellor must stay, "What is at stake here is more a matter of private folly and sadness than public scandal." They, too, felt that to pun-

ish the press with new legislation would backfire: "It would merely be employed to shield a wide range of dubious characters from press scrutiny, as were the libel laws by Robert Maxwell."

Having experienced the Max factor, the Daily Mirror was in unforgiving mood. "If David Mellor had any integrity, or any respect for the opinions of his electors, he would have resigned by now. If the prime minister had any guts, or any judgment, he'd have sacked him.

The Guardian's editorial made the telling point that:
"The plain fact for him 'As for Mr Mellor's plea to be left in peace for the sake of [Mellor], or for any public the children ... he should politician seeking to legislate have thought of that when he or to invoke moral standards. was cavorting on a grubby is that fidelity is always the mattress with Antonia de

Judge to decide libel sum

BY FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A BREAKTHROUGH in libel litigation will take place today when the damages in an action between a High Court judge and a newspaper are decided not by a jury but by another

judge.
The action, between Mr. Justice Popplewell and Today, could set a precedent which ends the lottery of high-level jury awards at a time when government proosals might lead to a rise in

libel actions. Thistead of a count need ing, both parties have agreed to go before awarbi-Williams, QC, chairman of the Bar, who say as a deputy judge. He will decide the damages in a private hearing in chambers. His award is binding and there is no

The newspaper has al-ready apologised to the judge and offered to make amends over publication of a story that the judge was suing a Reading news agen-cy for alleged libel in sug-gesting that he fell askeep in a murder trial.

A committee under Lord Justice Neill on defamation which reported last summer proposed an arbitration procedure where a delendant admits the libel. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, is be-

leved to support the idea. The idea of going to arbi-tration in the case came from Tom Crone, legal manager of News Interna-tional, which owns Today. With the Lord Chancellor expected soon to issue a draft order allowing lawyers to act on a "no win, no fee" basis in defamation as well as certain other cases, the newspaper industry will watch today's arbitration with particular interest.

Daniel Taylor, of Today's legal department, said: "The great advantage of an arbitration is the speed — we don't have to wait months for a court hearing - and the price. It is far

Working from home 'could save billions'

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BY KEVIN EASON MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY 9,000 road accident injuries could be pre-vented and £2 billion of fuel costs saved every year if companies told employees to work from home, a report says

Strategic Workstyles 2000, an Oxford forecasting unit, says that industry could make huge financial savings and spare their staff the wear and tear of commuting by allow-ing them to work from home. Noel Hodson, the report's author, says that the effects of allowing 15 per cent of Brit-ain's 22 million workforce to work in their own homes. using telephones, facsimile machines and computers. would be enormous.

His report, backed by BT, says that there would be 8.700 fewer road injuries and 8,000 fewer damaged cars a year and more than, 500,000 cars would be taken off London's roads

Britain has been slow to adopt home working even though the benefits of workers using computer terminals at home has been proved through productivity increases of up to 60 per cent in some companies. BT has estimated that 2.25 million people will work from home by 1995 but latest forecasts are that the figure may reach only 1.3 million.

Strategic Workstyles says that companies could save hundreds of thousands of pounds a year by cutting of-tice overheads and letting staff work from home, using the latest technology.

The repost says that 85 per cent of British travel is by car. 40 per cent of which is devoted to commuter traffic. Taking 15 percent of workers off the roads would "revolutionise" travel, easing congestion and reducing the amount of fuel burnt by 2.7 million galloes each working day.

London would feel the big gest benefits with 526,000 fewer drivers on the roads. Massinia 14:000 commuters would not need to enter ceanal London daily. Com-muters would benefit from saving up to four hours a day on travelling to work.

The report estimates that a manager earning £25,000 a year who has to commute 90 minutes each way to the office each day could save £6,335 a year in travel costs and lost working time.

Companies would have a tresher workforce which did not need to be transported into a central, expensive location daily. A study for a big financial institution planning to allow 20 people to "telecommute" calculated that the company would save

more than £430,000 a year. The study examines the reasons why telecommuting has not achieved the advantages of time saved and costcutting. It says that managers are often nervous about leaving staff unattended and out

of sight of the office. For the "teleworker", working from home might bring unforescen hazards, such as a partner who does not want the house invaded by machinery and office paperwork. "A number of car commuters thoroughly enjoy the total iso-lation and privacy available to them in their cars," the report says.

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During the next two months. The Times will publish in full the results of all classes from all universities and former polytechnics, making it the most complete service of its

Newspaper wedding catches jungle telegraph on the hop



Black: a portrait of

THE Canadian newspaper magnate Conrad Black and Barbara Amiel, an award-winning newspaper columnist. were married at Chelsea register office yesterday morning. In a profession that prides itself on leaks, the whole of Fleet Street was caught napping by the wedding of two of its most colourful figures.

The wedding was attended by a handful of the couple's closest friends. Even staff on The Daily Telegraph, owned by Mr Black, did not know until after the couple were declared man and wife. Miriam Gross. literary editor of The Sunday Telegraph, and Brian Stewart, a Canadian broadcaster and writer, an old friend of Mr Black, were the

After the ceremony the couple had lunch at Claridge's and held a dinner last night

for 20 friends at Annabel's. the Canadian Hollinger group the nightclub in Berkeley control of more than 90 newsthe nightclub in Berkeley Square. The guests included the Duchess of York, Baroness Thatcher and Sir Denis, David Frost, Lord Weidenfeld, Lord Rothschild, Sir Geoffrey Owen, former editor of the Financial Times, and Max Hastings, the editor of The Daily Telegraph.

David Radler, president of Mr Black's Canadian holding company. Hollinger, flew into London from Vancouver for the wedding ceremony, which was also attended by Mr Hastings. Mr Black wore a dark suit. Miss Amiel wore green.

The marriage unites two of the best known figures in the media. Mr Black, aged 47, is rising fast in the world media rycoon league. The £600 million acquisition last year of John Fairfax, publisher of the Sydney Morning Herald, gave Collegiate, but moved to Can-

papers on four continents, including the Daily and Sunday dent of history, he is an expert on 19th-century prime ministers and 20th century battles. A portrait of Napoleon, his hero, hangs in his office at the Telegraph. His 12-acre estate in Toronto has a library extension to house his 15,000

He caused a stir in London when he bought the house next door in Robin's Grove, Highgate, for his London

Miss Amiel, aged 51, be-came Canada's first woman newspaper editor when she took over the tabloid Toronto Sun. She edited the paper for a year. Born in London, she was

educated at North London

ada in her early teens. Since moving back to Britain in 1984 Miss Amiel has become a highly visible columnist and was voted the 1989 Woman of Distinction. She is a regular panellist on BBC television's ny Questions. Last year Mr Black, who has

two sons and a daughter from his marriage in 1978, di-vorced amicably from his wife, Shirley. Miss Amier's third marriage, to David Graham, a television tycoon, ended in

Mr Black is a convert to Roman Catholicism — "prac-tising rather than devour" he once said. Miss Amiel, a Jew, attends synagogue.
Mr Hastings said: "It was a

very private occasion for just a lew friends. They are going tomorrow on an extended da and the United States."



Amiel: first.woman editor in Canada

Halford's sex bias claim withdrawn

Tribunal left clues to blocked promotion

PRECISELY why Alison Halford, the aggricved assistant chief constable of Merseyside, was overlooked for promotion nine times did not emerge in 39 days of evidence to the industrial mbunal in Manchester, but there were clues that the least astute constable could detect

Her charge of sexual discrimination against James Sharples, chief constable of Merseyside, the home secretary. HM inspector of constabulary and Northamptonshire police authority was withdrawn after a settlement which left only her side of the story on the tribunal's record.
Using defence as the best
form of attack, Eldred
Tabachnik, QC, her counsel,

pre-empted much of the evi-

dence the police authority

ALMOST forgotten in the

controversy over the Alison

Halford case is her complaint

that she reached what has

been termed the glass ceiling:

that transparent barrier

which prevents women reach-

ing the top simply because

Any suggestion that it is a

fixed point is easily dismissed

by those who cite the super-

stars who land the plum posts as Director of Public Prosecu-

tions or head of MI5. But the

statistics speak all too clearly

as do the women deprived

opportunity, and although

Britain's first woman prime

minister steadlastly refused to

champion the cause of her

own sex, John Major has repeatedly made public his

There are women in the

police force who believe that

the ceiling in their profession

is well below that of the rank

f assistant chief constable

which Miss Halford reached

She is the only woman who

made applications from

1987 onwards to become

deputy chief constable of a

provisional force, making two a year until 1990. The follow-

At the rank of assistant

chief constable three women

applied in 1987 and none

was successful. No women

applied until 1991 when of

the eight applicants three were awarded the position.

That figure may suggest change. However, sexism is enshrined not only in the culture and tradition of the

force but also in legislation. It

took a change in the law to

introduce at the beginning of

this month in six pioneering

forces a job sharing scheme to

help women with children to

There is a belief that macho

professions are most resistant

to change. The armed forces

have no women in the top ranks defined as OF10-7. In

OF6 - commander in the

Royal Navy, brigadier in the

army and air commodore in the RAF, there are four

continue working.

ing year there was none.

commitment to change.

they are women.

Glass ceiling robs

women of success

was likely to produce about Miss Halford and her record

Halford tribunal was able to hear only one side of the story, reports

Ronald Faux ince 1983 when she became Britain's highest ranking po-licewoman. His trawl through some brutally unflattering reports on her by her superiors left some observers wondering which side Mr Tabachuik was representing. He discussed to the tribunal

that these reports presented Miss Halford as obsessional regularly under the influence of drink, a user of foul and abusive language, resentful of reasonable criticism and antisocial, presuming seniority above her colleagues, ami-police and aiways ready to

women out of 385. In OF5 (RN-captain, full colonel in the army and group captain in the RAF) 25 out of 1.432

Lady Howe, whose Han-

sard Society Commission re-

port on Women at the Top,

published in January 1990,

provided the foundation for

Opportunity 2000, the initia-

tive aimed at helping women crash through the glass barri-

er, takes the view that the

problem is based on culture

and demography.

With the labour pool of 16

to 24-year-olds estimated to

drop by 1.1 million by the end

of the century, companies will have no option but to look to

employing women and com-peting in offering attractive

packages of career breaks and child care facilities.

While the government re-mains opposed to positive dis-

crimination it has told the NHS that every shortlist for a

senior manager's post must contain the name of a

woman, and the number of

general managers must dou-

ble to 100 within three years.

employment secretary has particular responsibility for

women, is against positive di-

scrimination as it lowers the

status of those it is designed to

help. The Equal Opportuni-ties Commission would say that those needing help could

not have a lower status.

ing objectivity and flexibility. dogmatic and emotionally unstable. She was accused of shedding tears, he said, when it was considered unprofessional to do so. The litary was savage and, as things turned out, arguably unnecessary.

Mr Sharples, Sir Kenneth
Oxford, the former chief con-

stable of Merseyside, and a line of other witnesses will not now give evidence. Miss Halford unleashed a barrage of criticism against her senior officers, in particular at Sir Kenneth who, for much of the hearing, sat stony-faced a few yards away from his former assistant. He had, she declared, been exceptionally abrasive, aggressive, dogmat-ic, demanding and rude to all

her colleagues.
The tribunal heard her confess that she had described Sir Kenneth as "a bastard" at a dinner party. It was, she said, a "liquidacious" occasion at which she was "merry on the drinks swingometer. She told a colleague to his face that he was a prat who needed a punch in the throat and resigned from the Wirral ladies' golf chib after telling another member to

Miss Halford maintained, however, that it was not such flashes of temperament that halted her rapid rise, but male hostility within the force. She believed that as the first woman to become an assistant chief constable she had a responsibility for

championing her own cause. An early sign that Miss Halford was about to rock the boat came in "Until the 12th of Never", an article she wrote for Police Review. which gave a pessimistic appraisal of women's chances of reaching the top. There was strong but covert resentment of women, she said.

In 1962, as a new recruit into the Metropolitan police, she was highly regarded and selected for "fast track" promotion. As a chief superintendent she applied to constable on Merseyside. She told the tribunal she won the post because the chief constable wanted to go one better than his opposite number in Manchester who had just be-

with a car phone. Then began the "years of misery on Merseyside" where she saw herself as the victim of a conspiracy, which she said, extended to home secretary level.

☐ Police officers who escape possible disciplinary action by retiring sick from the force while the subject of an enquiry damage public confidence in the police and attract bad publicity, a report by the Commons select committee on home affairs said in March (Adam Fresco writes). The MPs said that the Home Office should set up a paniel to review any applica-tions for medical retirement

fit to attend a hearing. Halford payment, page 1 Diary, page 12 Need for reform, page 12 Leading article, page 13

by officers facing disciplinary

charges and any cases where

officers claimed they were un-



Public appeal: Andrew Nickell and his son Mark vesterday asking for help in finding Rachel's killer

Rachel's father appeals for clues

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

pened." Accompanied by his son, Mark, 25, who travelled to Canada to tell his parents

the details of Rachel's mur-

der, he said: "We have been

shown the greatest sympathy

and positive help by every-body." He appealed for the family to be allowed to grieve.

"It's difficult for me to an-

swer what she might have

done to be more careful. It is

like preparing for a streak of

lightning coming out of the

sky and hitting you. I don't

think anyone could have pre-

Det Supt John Bassett.

leading the murder enquiry,

said he was unfortunately still

having to appeal for witnesses

and looking for a man seen

washing his hands in a

stream near the scene be-

tween 9 and 10.30am. Thirty

five officers are continuing

pared for what happened."

THE father of Rachel Nickell, who was stabbed to death after a sex attack on Wimbledon Common last Wednesday, yesterday appealed for clues to trap the monster" who killed her.

Andrew Nickell, 52, was speaking at Scotland Yard after returning with his wife Monica, 48. from a holiday in Canada where the news had been broken to them.

As police prepare to stage a reconstruction of the attack today, Rachel's son Alex, two. who was found dinging to his mother's body, was taken back to the murder scene by his father, André Handscombe, in a tearful homage. They were accompanied by a friend of Rachel who will pose as her in the reconstruction. They paused at the mur-

ground. Mr Nickell, a former army officer and businessman, said he was numb. His wife was too distressed to attend. "There must be clues or memories which will help police to trace the monster before he does it again to someone else's daughter or mother, or wife or child," he said.

"Rachel was 23 when she died. She was a shining light, a bright star in my life and everybody else's who knew her. Her happiness with Andre and Alex was so real you could touch it. She can never be replaced in our lives. We can only hope to pick up the pieces but our lives will always be less rich than when she

was alive."
Mr Nickell, who seemed calm and composed, earlier saw his grandson. He said that Alex seemed all right but asked that the child be left alone. "He has a long life to live with what has hap-

Judges to rule later in fire-death case

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

AN ASIAN woman who had been beaten and humiliated by her husband made careful preparations to kill the man who had reduced her to the "nadir of abasement". She sening him alight as he slept in bed, the Court of Appeal

was told yesterday.

The husband had feared she would attack him and suspected that she would attempt to poison him. Robert Harman, OC, for the Crown, said on the second day of Kiranjit Ahluwalia's appeal against her conviction for murder. She threw petrol over her husband and ignited

it with a lighted taper three hours after he had beaten her. The judges hearing the appeal yesterday reserved judgment until a later date. The appeal challenges the present law which says that a defence

"sudden and temporary" loss of self control and no intervening "cooling off" period. Ahluwalia's counsel say long-standing humiliation should be treated by the courts as provocation.

Mr Harman, who said that Ahluwalia contrived for her husband a grisly death, told the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, sitting with Mr Justice Swinton Thomas and Mr Justice Judge, that to accept the defence argument would be to drive a coach and horses through the law on provocation as it stood.

Geoffrey Robertson, QC, for Ahluwalia, said that there was now evidence from four doctors that at the time she killed her husband at Crawley, West Sussex, her responsibility had been sub-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Russell to direct for BBC

An adaptation of Lady Chatterley's Lover directed by Ken Russell will feature in BBC TV's autumn and winter

viewing, unveiled yesterday. Russell's version of the D.H. Lawrence novel is part of a £147 million line-up including a series from the comedian Ben Elton. His novel Stark is being turned into a comedy drama for next year. while Dirk Bogarde's book Voices In The Garden is part

of the Screen Two season. Christmas productions include a feature-length edition of Lovejoy and Agatha Chris-From Side To Side. John Thaw and Lindsay Duncan appear in an adaptation of Peter Mayle's A Year In Provence, while Patrick Bergin stars in The Hummingbird Tree, filmed in Trinidad.

Bomber found

A Wellington bomber that crashed on Red Pike in the Lake District in 1943 has been found by walkers after being exposed by a landslide. The aircraft's bombs, which were far from walking routes, were made safe by bomb disposal officers.

Church gutted

Arsonists may have been realmost destroyed 800-yearold Holy Trinity parish church at Buckfastleigh, Dev-on, early yesterday, police said. The vicar, the Rev Paul Wilson, said he hoped that the church would be rebuilt.

Chief resigns

Peter Gedling, 56, Dorset's senior education officer, resigned yesterday to allow schools to have more of the £300 million education budget. He said: "With our rowing financial problems, there is a need to make every possible economy."

Police car taken

A new 145mph Ford Sierra Cosworth designed to deter oyriders was stolen yesterday from a police compound in Killingworth, Tyne and Wear. The thieves evaded infra-red cameras and moved other police vehicles to steal

Keyhole claim in libel case

A HIGH Court libel jury is to hear hotly-contested evidence that South African journalist Jani Allan was seen through a keyhole making love with neo-Nazi leader Eugene

Terre Blanche. Charles Gray, QC, repre-senting Miss Allan in her damages claim against Channel 4, told the jury yesterday that her former flarmate in Johannesburg, Linda Shaw, would give evi-dence for the defence that she peeped into the bedroom and saw them having sex.

Her evidence — described by Mr Gray as unter and complete invention — also alleged that there were two bodyguards in the bedroom. "It is not clear whether they were participating or watching." Mr Gray said.

- Miss Allan. 38, is suing over a programme which she says libelled her by making it quite plain that she had an affair with Mr Terre Blanche, who is married with a daughter. Yesterday she denied hav-ing any kind of sexual relationship with him. She did not find him at all physically attractive. "I've always thought he looked rather like a pig in a safari suit," she said. The hearing continues

Punk princess puts family's heirlooms under the hammer

By IAN MURRAY IN BONN AND SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

Princess Gloria Thurn and Taxis, better known to Germany's popular press as the "punk princess", has shocked her family by approaching Sotheby's to sell off a small Sotheby's to sell off a small state of the world's part of one of the world's largest, oldest and most valuable collections of

Shepherd: stand against

positive discrimination

antiques. The sale of 250 items of antique jewellery, snuff boxes and silverware, to be held in Geneva in November, is expected to raise about £8 million. According to Horst Schiessl, the official family spokesman, the aim is to raise money to

pay death duties. Prince Johannes Thurn and Taxis died in December 1990 before he had time to complete his plan to transfer the family assets to his seven-year-old son. Prince Albert, to minimise the tax — a ploy successfully followed by his grandfather before he in-

herited the title in 1952. Herr Schiessl said yesterday that the sale was no more than sound management. The collection, assembled since the family. became rich by founding the world's first postal service in the late fifteenth

century, included items taken from the 25 castles the family sold between 1920 and 1970. It was now so vast and valuable, Herr Schiessl said, that it was costing more to store and insure than it was worth.

A statement issued by the princess's office yesterday said that she has decided against selling any of the family's "profit making real estate and industrial holdings" but rather such "assets like works of art which do not produce

nurther sales are expected to follow, until a rumoured total of £40 million is reached.

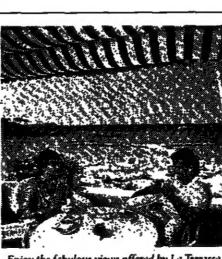
Pater Emmeram, 90, the the dead prince's uncle, is outraged. "Our family has been collecting these pos-sessions for centuries. he told Bild newspaper.
"What impertinence! Gloria is after more."

The family never took kindly to the princess. The daughter of an old but impoverished Saxon aristo-cratic house, she was only 20 when she married the 53-year-old prince in 1980. The fact that she produced three children in quick suc-

cession did little to endear her to the family. Her extravagant lifestyle and love of motor cycling attracted unwanted publicity. In the late 1980s, she

took a business course and began to take a closer interest in the management of the huge and complex family businesses, from forests in Brazil to electronics fac-tories. The prince appears to have listened to her. Relations with his business managers became strained and they resigned. Al-though the estate has passed to her son. Prince Albert, Princess Gloria was made trustee and administrator in the will.

After the prince's death she alleged that his private business managers had systematically manipulated the accounts to pay themselves big bonuses. The managers sued for libel and the princess counter charged them with criminal fraud. Suddenly last April she backed down. issuing a statement con-firming that the house of Thurn and Taxis had dropped all its allegations against the former managers. Both sides agreed to drop all further litigation.



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4 HOME NEWS

The Times investigates management seminars and one of the movement's wealthiest gurus

Mind game courses aimed at public sector workers

Council, Britain's biggest local authority, was approached informally by followers of Werner Erhard about training programmes for staff after at least three councillors had attended courses. A number of other councils have also been con-

The approach to Strathclyde comes at a time when there is concern about consultants offering management and staff training courses that are conducted by people who have no medical training

in psychiatry. Frank Pignatelli, director of education at Strathclyde, was invited by a councillor to an introductory session orga-nised by Landmark Education, a London group con-nected with Erhard, held at

the Lorne Hotel, Glasgow. He was so appalled by the meeting, which included a lot of hugging, that he warned his staff that the group was working through councillors who had attended courses to seek further recruits. He

Ray Clancy, in the second of three articles on New Age training, talks to a woman who is suing her former employer after being sent on a course

described their opinions as "alien to the Scottish culture". The council has been conducting an investigation. "I felt severely sceptical and cycnical," Mr Pignatelli told his colleagues.

Attempts by Landmark Education and other groups offering similar courses to move into the public sector are taking place amid growing concern at the effects on some professionals who have been to corporate or individ-

The Times has spoken to several people who have suf-fered ill effects and to their families and friends. Many are reluctant to discuss their experiences and those exampies we quote have asked us to change their names.

Anne, 32, is suing her for-

injury after she suffered a nervous breakdown as a result of a four-day course organised by outside consultants. She has also issued writs against the consultants.

She had recently been appointed personnel manager in charge of a large depart-ment when she was sent with 11 colleagues to a manage country house hotel in the Cotswolds. "I was told I had to attend the course but was not given any specific details as to what it would entail. No information was made available about the structure or

what we were going to study. From the outset she was unhappy about the woman running the course whom she describes as "dominant and aggresive". The woman told

in the concept of God and that she "had no God". "I thought this was a pretty

weird way of looking at course, she talked about the empowered person I realised that the course was not fol-lowing traditional business

shoulds, orientation to workability" were used and graphs circles and crystals. I underwent three days of subtle criti-cism which culminated in me being subjected to bullying in Anne said.

She found herself the odd one out. Psychiatrists say that, because humans thrive on a "sheep mentality" where we like to follow others, it is difficult to resist when you are the odd one out.

"It was dangerous and damaging. I was being shout-ed at, told I was unfit to do my job. I was taken to one side and counselled by the woman running the course. She even



Undue influence: a poster for one of the training programmes, which have been criticised as dangerous

iob. The next morning I vomited, I was in a terrible state. I now realised that I left that course in a state of partial breakdown and it has wiped out four years of my life."

Anne told her senior manager about what happened on the course. He told her there was a second part four to attend. "I had been subpsychology. I was not going to put myself through anymore." Later she was asked to resign. "My boss said to me 'at least you won't have to go on the second course but I felt free, I left and walked into

Anne visited her GP who diagnosed severe depression. She took another job but left

found herself unable to cope. Everyday when I arrived at work the course just came back at me." Her doctor recommended therapy and she was referred to a psychiatrist. "I took up cross suith embroidery with a vengeance just to occupy my mind without stressing it."

Anne then went back to her former employers to ask for help in paying her therapy fees. They offered £500 but she refused the payment and is taking legal action instead. It will be a test case.

Charles, 26, who attended self-improvement course. has found that his work as an accountant has been severely affected. Three days and one evening session of The Forum, rum by Landmark Education, left him questioning everything in his life includ-ing his relationship with his wife and his work.

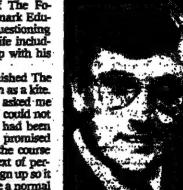
"When I had finished The Forum I felt as high as a kine. But when my wife asked me what I had learnt I could not be specific. I felt I had been born again. I had promised not to talk about the course except in the context of per-suading others to sign up so it was difficult to have a normal conversation," he said.

Melanie, his wife, was hor-rified. "My husband was not

kept talking about the power of the being living in the stands and getting in and getting out of it. It was really weird. When I tried to ask him what he meant by these words he could not explain. He also found it difficult to make decisions and he keens changing his mind all the time. He seems to be questioning our relationship

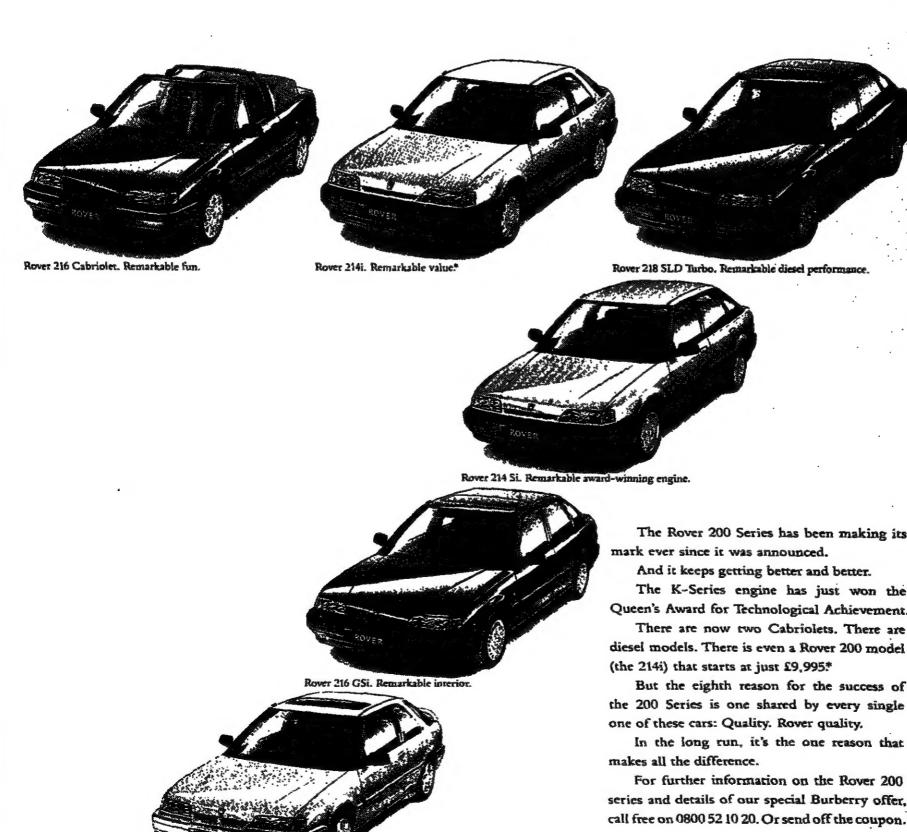
Charles agrees he has diffi-culty making decisions. He has even considered going back and doing another course because "it might help me. Everything is so difficult at the moment. I cannot make sense of my life."

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New Age guru goes into hiding

The man who sold self-awareness to the "me generation" had earlier sold used cars, reports Ben Macintyre

Werner Erhard, who made a fortune in the 1970s out of his theories of self-awareness, was once Jack Rosenberg, a second-Philadelphia.

In 1960, aged 25, he eloped to California with a woman he later married. leaving behind his first wife and three children he did not see again for 12 years. He changed his name to Werner Erhard after reading an article on West Germany in Esquire magazine which mentioned the theoretical physicist Werner Heisenberg and Ludwig Erhard, then West German economics minister.

After dabbling in a mumber of human potential disciplines and Eastern religions, the inspiration for his own theory of enlightenment occurred to him while driving across the Golden Gate bridge. At the wheel of his black Ford Mustang. Erhard was "transformed" a state he described as knowing everything and knowing nothing". The result was EST (Er-

hard Seminars Training, founded in 1971, which emphasised the need for personal responsibility and the "possibilities of individual fulfilment" through strict training. Erhard, with his slick good looks and starding blue eyes, became the "guru of gurus" to a selfimprovement vogue that many believe captured the essence of the "me decade". of the 1970s.

The training sessions of-fered by EST became noto-rious for their rigid discipline - trainees were forbidden to go to the lavatory or speak to each other during sessions - and confrontational approach. EST courses usually took place on two consecutive weekends, with trainees being expected to explore life's possibilities, under intense and sometimes bullying scrutiny from trainers, for as much as 15 hours a day.

While many alumni claimed that the courses had taught them to realise their potential, others said that Erhard was offering quick-fix solutions with a: mixture of pop psychology and military style bullying.

Even so, almost 750,000 people are estimated to have enrolled over 20 years.

In 1984, EST was transformed into The Forum, in which the courses were made less theatrical and gruelling and more costly. Erhard's organisation fell into three parts: Werner Erhard and Associates, running workshops including The Forum (which in 1988 alone grossed \$39 million); Transformation Technologies Inc. specialising in management and leadership seminars for corporate clients: and lastly a clutch of non-profit making humani-tarian agencies, which were formally independent but based on Erhard's theories.

The 1990s saw the empire begin to disintegrate. There was a messy split from his second wife who stated that his "ego and public image are the most important things in the world to him.

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In 1991, several former temployees brought law-suits, charging him with crimes ranging from fraud to physical abuse, all of which he has denied.

In February last year, Erhard sold his American assets (valued at \$45 million in 1989) to employees who had formed Transnational Education Corp, now called Landmark Trust. Days later, the Internal Revenue Service filed a \$14.2 tax lien against EST which was followed by liens on \$6.9 million-worth of real estate belonging to Erhard. (A tien enables the IRS to seize and sell property if taxes are left unpaid.) But in August tax officials said they had been able to recover only \$55,000 of the \$5.5 million Erhard

allegedly owed.

After two decades in the limelight, the cigar-smoking extrovert has disappeared. Last week, he was ordered to pay more than \$380,000 to a woman who claimed she had suffered a mental breakdown after one

of his courses Werner Erhard has not been seen in public for more than three months, and the Chicago-based Cult Awareness Network yesterday described his whereabouts as "somewhat of a mystery"

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GPs help to launch biggest survey of childhood asthma

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

ONE million questionnaires are to be distributed to GPs surgeries, pharmacies and hospitals in the biggest survey of childhood asthma to discover how the disease affects

At least 700,000 children are believed to be affected by asthma and hospital admissions have risen five-fold in the past 20 years. Doctors are unclear whether asthma is becoming more common or. more severe, or being diagnosed more often.

Researchers hope the survey will show how the condition, the commonest chronic disease in childhood, affects school performance, family relationships and activity lev-els. Studies among adults have shown that asthma disturbs sieep and causes time off work but little research has been done with children.

One in five children experiences wheezing but GPs often diagnosing coughs or colds instead and prescribing the wrong drugs. Studies show it takes an average of sevent consultations over three years before an asthmatic child is correctly diagnosed.

Dr Warren Lenney, consultant paediatrician at the Roy-

al Alexandra Hospital, Brighton, said that admissions of children with asthma had grown from 80 in 1970 to 600 in 1986 but had since stabilised at that level. Asthma had increased in most countries, he said, and could be linked with the spread of viral infections, the growth of central heating, encouraging dust mites, smoking and petrol furnes. "My biggest worry is the increase in the number

Treating childhood asthma cost an estimated £117.8 million in 1990. Doctors coordinating the survey, by Action Asthma, an educa-tional group funded by the drug company Allen and Hanburys, hope at least 40,000 questionnaires will be

☐ Before four-year-old Sean Healy's asthma was diagnosed, he suffered severe bouts of coughing that made and vomit. His agression caused by frustration about his condition, frightened his mother who spent sleepless nights listening to her son's wheezing, and propping him up with pillows (Alison Roberts writes). "He was extreme-

coblems at school because of his behaviour. It has really affected both our lives. I was so tired and so ratty and worried that I would get cross with him, he would throw a tantrum and that would make his asthma worse," said his mother, Sharon, 30, of

Uxbridge, west London. She was convinced that her son was suffering from recurring chest infections. A health visitor who suffered from asthma herself was the first to recognise Sean's disorder.

Mrs Healy said that his illness had been exacerbated, if not caused, by the damp council house in which they live. The council has agreed to rehouse the family. Sean controls his asthma

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with an inhaler that takes bronchodilator drugs straight to the lungs. Despite an initial hyperactivity, caused by the drug Ventolin, about nine puffs a day keep mation ar (Sarah Jane Checkland writes). Siobhan Quin of Sotheby's attacks to a minimum.



Roger Ratoit will be put to the art market te t today with Raymond Briggs's S'towman, John Burningham's Grenpa and Rupert Bear at Sotheby's 'irst sale of British ani-

celluloid or painting on clear acetate attached to an opaque back-ground, which was used in the making of the animated film Who Framed Roger Rabbit. There is a big demand for American celluloids; a single colour "cel" from Snow White fetched \$190,000 (£100,000) last December in New

York. Now the auctioneers hope to cash in on a potential new market in Britain. But, whereas Who Framed Roger Rabbit made film history by combining human and cartoon characters, and reached a worldwide audience, it remains to be seen whether his less glamorous British friends will inspire bids. Cells produced by Bob Godfrey, a

British animator, for Dear Margery Boobs and Great will be offered today for between £600 and £1,600. He said British animation had "infinite variety and humour". Among the more esoteric offerings is a se-Deadsy. The artwork shows ghoul-

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SIMPLE kits costing less than £3 that can determine from a saliva specimen whether a person has the Aids virus have raised the ctre of do-it-yourself Aids.

ried that the kits may under-mine the system of counselling that is an obligatory part manufacturer has already rejected an order from an escort

agency for the kits. The kits, on show at the eighth International Aids Conference in Amsterdam, produce an answer in seven minutes and are no more difficult to use than pregnancy testing kits: Although originally designed to operate with blood samples, research is showing that they work just as well with saliva. While the makers will not sell the kits except to recognised laborato-ries, Patrick Dixon, medical director of Aids Care Education and Training, a British Aids charity, fears that a

black market may develop. "Mail order or over-thecounter home testing kits could be dangerous," he said. "Some people might be driven to suicide by a positive result without immediate expert support and help. A negarive result could encourage people to carry on with risky behaviour, so that they later

become infected." Dr Dixon also fears that the kits might be used in screening for jobs and insurance, or by immigration officers in countries that prevent HIVpositive people from entering. One of the kits, the Test Pack, made by the US company Abbon Laboratories, is

to appropriate customers. Another American com-cany, Saliva Diagnostic Systems (SDS), has developed a foolproof method of collecting the saliva samples. An absorbent pad attached to a collector tube is placed under the tongue for two minutes. A colour change in the tube shows that an adequate sam-

ple has been collected. liva collector, with the Abbott could test 350 people in ten

Barnes said. Dr Dixon believes, howev-

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Patients without HIV confound doctors

BY NIGEL HAWKES

SCIENTISTS are puzzled by growing evidence that it is possible to suffer from Aids without being infected by HIV, the Aids virus. The Aids Conference in Amsterdam yesterday heard a string of doctors reporting cases of the mystery disease, which amounts to Aids without a cause. The cases totalled almost two dozen, with suggestions of many more.

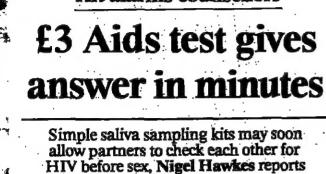
Dr Jeffrey Laurence of Cornell University reported five such patients, all in New York. The Centres for Dis-ease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia, knows of another six, while Dr Luc Montagnier of the Pasteur Instit-

ute in Paris reported two. At the conference it is an article of faith that Aids and HIV are inseparable. Indeed, James Curran of CDC said that these patients were not suffering from Aids, by deli-nition, because they did not

test positive to HIV-1 or HIV-2. Everybody agreed, however, that their symp-toms were indistinguishable from those of Aids sufferers. Did that mean there was

another cause that could not be detected by present methods? That was a conclusion most were reluctant to draw. Dr Curran cautioned that the second group might simply have genetic or other reasons for immune deficiency, and would not have been linked except for the interest in Aids and the amount of HIV

testing.
Dr Montagnier, the discoverer of HIV, said that his patients had an HIV-like virus sufficiently different to evade detection. Dr Anthony Fauci from the US National Institutes of Health appealed to doctors knowing of more cases to come forward so that the mystery could be



used by recognised laboratories for Aids testing, using blood samples. The kit, about the size of a wrist watch, is supplied in boxes of 40 with all the chemicals needed, for \$200 (E105) 2 box. Abbott emphasised it has no intention of selling the kits except

Research presented to the conference shows that the sa-Test Pack, produces the same results with saliva as with blood samples. David Barnes, SDS medical affairs director, said that the kits would enable rapid testing of large numbers of people. "We

The company intends early next year to launch a complete test kit of its own, able to produce results even more rapidly than the Abbott Government regulations in the UK say that we cannot test anybody without pre-test counselling, so there is no question of the kits being sold over-the-counter," Dr

er, that the companies may find it impossible to control the use of their products. He envisages the kits being used in the bedroom. "New partners may be able to test each other before sex," he said.

Election pledges threatened in public spending curbs

Treasury seeks cash squeeze

By Philip Webster and Jill Sherman

SENIOR ministers will be warned today by the prime minister and the Chancellor that some of the pledges in the Tory election manifesto may have to be deferred in the interests of squeezing public spending and cutting back the public sector deficit.

Some of the biggest and grammes, including housing. roads and the inner cities, are threatened as the cabinet prepares to order that any spending over 1993-4's planning total of £244.5 billion should be kept to a bare minimum. and that the bids for extra spending of some £14 billion be slashed to the low single

The government's difficul-ties this week with the building societies, when the Treasury succumbed to pressure to cut the interest rate on the new National Savings bond to forestall a run of mortgage rate rises, are to be used as ammunition by Michael Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary.

However stringent the cabinet decides to be, it will not be able to prevent the ratio of public expenditure to national income rising for the fourth consecutive year. Currently standing at 41.5 per cent, it is set to rise to more than 43 per cent next year. Mr Lamont will give to-

day's meeting the Treasury's revised forecast for output, far less optimistic than the prediction in his Budget four months ago. The Treasury is believed to have set its sights on the transport department's £6.3 billion three-year programme to improve trunk the environment department's £7.5 billion budget for housing, as well as savings in the urban programme.

Spending ministers who argue that they are merely fulfilling manifesto pledges, will find that they can take nothing for granted. The riposte from the Treasury is likely to be that manifesto pledges do not have to be met in the first two years of a

The key battle areas are: Social security: The biggest spending department is the ment has its hands tied and faces large increases. Mr Portillo will find it difficult to Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, for more money for the unemployed and other benefit claimants just to meet current obligations. Mr Lilley is expected to argue for at

least £1.6 billion extra for unemployment benefit alone. The government is committed to raising child benefit and retirement pensions in line with inflation. With unemployment higher than estimated in the public spending white paper, the social serurity bid is expected to be significantly higher than the £71 billion baseline for next

About £7 billion is expected to be spent this year on the unemployed. The unemploy-ment figure for June is 2.72 million against an assumed 2.4 million in the white paper for this year and next. Health: Virginia Bottomley,

the health secretary, will have to fight hard to hang on to the 2.75 per cent real terms increase laid down in the white paper, boosting spending on health by about £2 billion to about £30 billion. Most ministers argue that health has benefited at the expense of other spending departments over the past few years. Although the prime minister is committed to real growth in health spending, the Trea-sury will try hard to reduce the growth to a minimum. Mrs Bottomley will argue her corner for about £600 million to £800 million to fund the community care policy. About £400 million is expected to be transferred from the social security budget with extra money needed for startup costs. Mrs Bottomley will also demand extra cash to fund the health service reforms and protect London's

ment will be lobbying for significant funds to implement the council tax while trying to ward off attempts to cut its capital spending. A detailed bid on the council tax will not be put in until the autumn, although it could cost an extra El billion. Education: Capital spending bids are expected to be reduced, and the further educa-

tion budget to be heavily scrutinised Defence: A bid for the European Fighter Aircraft will

PUBLIC SPENDING 1992-3 SCOTLAND, WALES AND NORTHERN IRELAND DEFENCE AGRICULTURE £2.19bn LAW AN ORDER £7.8bn HEALTH £28.2bn EMPLOYMEN, £3.87bn £6.96bn SOCIAL SECURITY £70.6bn OTHER £13.7bn LOCAL GOVERNMENT 231.05n TOTAL

need to be justified against cheaper alteratives. Defence ministers vill be able to argue that the Options for Change programe will cut real costs in theong term.

Ministers beeve a strong signal from tody's meeting is essential to caln the markets and prevent fres pressure on

In the early Thatcher years the cabinet used to agree to hold to the previously agreed planning totals and, helped by a little massaging at the edges and some tough bargaining, the chief secretary of the day usually managed to reach the target. The formula

changed in 1987, when pub-

lic spending overall was some

£90 billion lower than it is

in the past three years the objective, as spelt out by Downing Street, has been broadly similar. The 1991 communique read: "The government agreed that strict control of public spending . . . must be maintained by sticking as closely as possible to existing planning totals with the aim of keeping the ratio of public spending, excluding privatisation proceeds, to GDP on a downward trend." If all the portents have been interpreted correctly today's announcement will be significantly tougher.

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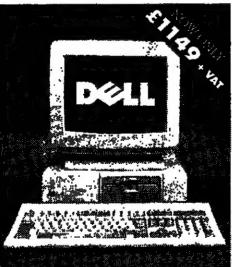
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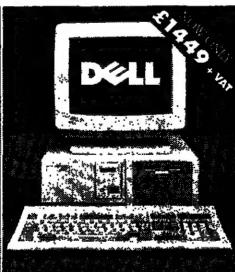
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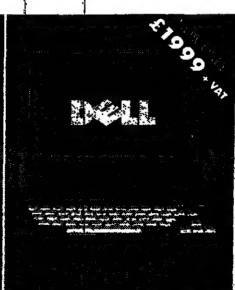
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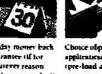
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Agency to tackle inner-city blight

By Douglas Broom

THE government took the first step towards bringing all its inner-city initiatives under. one roof yesterday with the announcement of detailed plans for an urban regeneration agency to tackle inner-city blight.

Michael Howard, the environnent secretary, said the new quango would take over responsibility for the City Grant and Dereitt Land Grant schemes and absorb English Estates, the state-run commercial property com-

pany. Lord Walker, the former cabinet minister, will chair the agency, which will have a budger of at least £250 million a year. A bill will be introduced into the Commons in November and the agency is expected to begin work next summer. Mr Howard said its primary aim would be to bring the 150,000 acres of vacant and derelict land in towns and cities back into use.

The agency's work would also ease pressure for development in the countryside. The area of unused urban land was five times the acreage

urban use each year, he said. The agency would not com-pete with private sector developers or the 11 existing urban development corporations. but would have similar compulsory purchase and planning powers. It would aim to generate £5 of private investment for every £1 it spent.

As well as initiating redevelopment schemes for business and housing, the agency would also give grants to de velopers seeking to build on inner-city sites and would build its own premises to let. Mr Howard said the agency would also be expected to tackle areas of urban blight outside the main cities.

The Tory general election manifesto committed the gov ernment to bringing all inner-city initiatives under a single budget. Mr Howard

said work was still going on to bring that promise to fruition.

Under present plans the E750 million City Challenge scheme will remain under direct ministerial control, as will schemes designed to improve inner-city housing.

Mr Howard condemned recent violence on housing estates in Bristol and Burnley. He said the government recognised there were problems in urban areas but these could never be an excuse for 'lawless behaviour'.

Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, denounced the agency as did nothing to tackle the despair feit by people in inner cities at mounting problems ty. The disturbances in Bristol had been due, in part, to the city's failure to win funding for inner-city regeneration under the government's competitive City Challenge scheme, described by Mr Gould as "a game show". Urban decay and riots were the inevitable price of Tory policy, he said.

The Council for the Protect tion of Rural England said the agency would test the depth of the government's countryside by encouraging the re-use of derelict urban



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Smith grabs chance to stay in public eye

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

JOHN Smith was presented JOHN Smith was presented with an unexpected opportunity yesterday to project himself in his new role as Labour leader. During an otherwise low-key schedule in his first days in office. Mr Smith demanded that John Major investigate allegations that a cabinet minister had tried to smear Paddy Ashdown, the smear Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader. during the general election

campaign.
Labour officials recognise that the timing of Mr Smith's election, immediately after Parliament began its three-month summer recess, could deprive him of media coverage. Labour is anxious that Mr Smith should be able to exploit the government's uneasy economic position in

particular. There have been fears that the creation of Labour's new leadership team might be overshadowed. Such fears were fuelled by the lack of media coverage of last week-end's long-predicted election of Mr Smith and Margaret Beckett, his deputy.

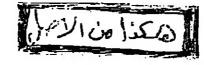
Today's publication of the

balance of payments current account and everseas trade figures and retail sales will offer Mr Smith and his team further opportunity to main-tain a public presence. He will also have the chance to show his authority at his first national executive committee meeting as leader.
Yesterday Mr Smith had
his first formal talks as party

leader with a foreign digni-tary, meeting President Sali-nas de Gortari of Mexico in London, before opening the new constituency office of Chris Smith, MP for Islington South and Finsbury in north London.

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wins libel

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ducer and son of Kirk Doug-

las, accepted a public apology

and substantial undisclosed

libel damages in the High

A Sunday Express article

headlined "Kirk's son in mur-

der quiz" had linked him to a

triple murder in Arizona and

The newspaper said it had

not intended to suggest that

Mr Douglas, producer of Ro-

mancing the Stone and Jewel

of the Nile, both starring his

brother Michael, was in any

way associated with either

Specialist dies

Dr Munawar Hussain, 53, a

children's eye specialist. died after jumping 120st from his flat in Edgbaston, Birming-

ham, to escape a fire. Seconds

later, firemen reached his

a £7 million film swindle.

Court yesterday.

National unit demanded to combat IRA

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE chief constable of the disrest with a realistic and RUC last night called on the professional response", he government to create two that the said.

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Sir Hugh Annesley criticised recent developments in the police service designed to improve the fight against termorist activity and counter the support of the police service designed to improve the fight against termorist activity and counter the support of the police service of the police service designed to improve the fight against termorist activity and counter the support of the police service in the police service designed to improve the fight against termorist unit would have the operational capacity to deal with terrorist unit would have the operational capacity to deal with terrorist unit would have the operational capacity to deal with terrorist unit would have the operational capacity to deal with terrorist unit would have the operational capacity to deal with terrorist unit would have the operational capacity to deal with terrorist unit would have the operational capacity to deal with terrorist unit would have the operational capacity to deal with terrorist activity while being responsible for cultivating information and providing training and stimulations are provided to the providing training and the providing training training and the providing training and the providing training training training and the providing training t rorist activity and counter the IRA's mainland campaign He said that although a national response seemed to be evolving through the role of the national co-ordinator of police counter terrorism and the setting up of an advisory committee group of chief con-stables to co-ordinate police work, a more comprehensive approach was needed to tackle terrorism. The advisory group "is a compromise sol-ution when a bolder thrust is necessary", Sir Hugh said in a lecture to the Police Foun-



Sir Hugh: "A bolder thrust is necessary"

creation of a national antiterrorist unit would provide a cohesive and common approach to all terrorist

The time was right for the police service to adopt a more realistic and unified approach towards countering terrorist activity even if that upset a few chief conscious. We really must face a serious

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Easterly winds blow in rare birds

Birdwatchers are enjoying an exceptional year spotting rare and exotic visitors, writes Lucy Rock

BIRDWATCHERS do not have to travel abroad to see exotic species this summer record numbers of birds from distant habitats are coming to Britain.

The reasons are fine weather and the predominantly easterly winds in May and June. Earlier this week a pallid swift was spotted among common swifts at Flamborough Head, Hum-berside, making its first vis-it from Mediterranean regions to the UK for eight years. This is only the seventh time that the species has been seen in the UK. The last six sightings were reported between 1978 and 1984.

Many birds usually

found in eastern and south-

ern Europe are being seen

in Britain. One unexpected

visitor last weekend to a reed bed at Haverton Hill near Billingham, Cleveland, was the penduline tit. Others include a rose-coloured starling seen on the island of Coll in the Inner Hebrides and a woodchat shrike near Didcot, Oxfordshire, on the border with

Berkshire, which had devi-

ated from its normal migra-tion route from southern

ROSE-COLOURED STARLING

Prized sightings: fine weather is bringing in record numbers of unusual species

Europe to the south of France or Spain.

There is also a great white egret at Stanford Reservoir near Lutterworth, Leicestershire, which is likely to be from central Europe. Thousands of these herons were killed in the late nineteenth century for their plumage to be used in the millinery trade.

Most of the species being sighted around the country are either birds that have lost their way during migration, or young non-breed-ing birds that are not tied to a particular breeding ground and able to wander. The biggest influx consists of an estimated 150 redfooted falcons that have ap-

peared since mid-May, four times the previous highest total for a full year, according to the Bird Information Service. These small insecteating birds of prey were drifted off course by easterly winds while migrating from Africa to their usual summer haunts in eastern Europe and Asia.

Richard Millington, from

the service, said it had been an exceptional year for un-usual birds flying to the UK, with some especially rare visitors from North Africa and the Middle East. There had been record sightings of white-winged black terns, scarlet rosefin-ches and Mediterranean



Families in hiding from mob

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE families of two teenage girls charged with the murder of a woman aged 70 were being sheltered by police yesterday after a mob of 200 neighbours drove them from their homes in Wales. The two homes were attacked with stones, bonles and a baseball bat during the 90-minute

Christine Molloy and Ma-ria Rossi, both 17, were remanded in custody charged with murdering Edna Phillips, who was stabbed more than 20 times at her home in Penywaun, Mid Glamorgan.

A police van drove through the protesters and backed up to the front door of the Rossi house to rescue the defendant's parents, with their three children.

Villagers then moved on to Miss Molloy's family home from where police rescued her parents and their 14-year-old

A doctor was later called to the home of one of the defendant's grandparents after they were allegedly threatened.

☐ Police in riot gear were attacked by a mob hurling petrol bombs, stones and botties during four hours of violence on the Stoops housing estate in Burnley, Lancashire, early yesterday. Seventeen people were arrested.

door. A brigade spokesman said: "If he had stayed calm we could have rescued him."

Crew rescued

Three fishermen were rescued from lifeboats yesterday after their boat, the Laura Hird from North Shields. sank 24 miles east of Amble, Northumberland. They were saved by the Bow Venturer, another fishing boat, after firing distress flares.

Cockles seized

The Scottish Office is asking local authorities to introduce bylaws to curb gangs using tractors and harvesters to scoop up tonnes of cockles on Scottish beaches, depriving local people of the shellfish. The gangs move on before banning orders can be laid.

Writer returns

The science and space writer Arthur C. Clarke, whose work includes 2001: A Space Od-yssey, has been awarded the freedom of Minehead, Somerset, where he was born 75 years ago. He was attending a space festival on a visit from his home in Sri Lanka.

MoD halts auction of Churchill's wartime secrets

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND, SALEROOM CORRESPONDENT

which would have an opera-tional as well as intelligence role, would deal with increas-

role, would deal with increasingly sophisticated criminals involved in kidnapping, drug trafficking, money laundering, robbery and large scale burghay. Sir Hugh said.

Such types of crime were national and international and international and threatened to undermine regitimate businesses. They demended a presented to the contraction of the contraction of

support services to officers in

the squad. He said the new squad should include members of the security service, Metropolitan Police Special Branch and anti-terrorist

unit and have input from

and Customs and Excise.

The area attempt to overcome arguments about the accountability of the national units, Sir Hugh said that they should be overseen by advisors to the national transfer of the countability of the national units, Sir Hugh said that they should be overseen by advisors to the national transfer of the

isory boards and that ulti-

mate responsibility would rest

His speech comes only ten weeks after Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, an-nounced that MI5 officers

were to take overall responsi-

bility for intelligence opera-tions against the IRA in

mainland Britain. Sir Hugh said pointedly that the RUC

was the main supplier of intel-ligence to mainland Britain and any diminution in the flow of information to the

RUC would have detrimental

consequences for security on

The national crime unit,

the mainland.

with the home secretary.

provincial forces, the military

demanded a response not based on the existing nine regional crime squads, which were only an interim answer to serious organised crime.

SOTHEBY'S withdrew from auction a secret wartime file belonging to Winston Churchill yesterday after intervention by the Ministry of Defence. The file contains confidential memoranda from the prime minister to commanders in the Middle East, and, according to the anonymous vendor,

comes with a note to the civil servant T.W. Inglis-Jones saying: "You might like to keep these valuable documents as a matter of historical interest!" After being alerted to the sale by The Times, however, the defence ministry contacted Sotheby's saying it was taking legal steps to reclaim the papers. Sotheby's issued a statement saying the vendor believed the ministry was being unreasonable "given the circumstances in which this property came into his possession and the length of time that has passed". A Sotheby's spokesman added that the company feared that the incident would drive similar dossiers of historic

interest underground.

The Churchill file was to have been highlight of a manuscript sale which, in an any event, attracted wide interest because of other newsworthy material on offer.

Eight suiteases containing the dia-ries, autobiographical novel and diet sheets of Diana Dors were bought for

£3,808 by a fan. Afterwards Raymond Sanderson, of Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, said that he had been obsessed with the actress for 41 years. A collection of letters and notes -

often cantankarous in tone - written by Marlene Dietrich mainly to her manager in the 1970s sold for £2.530 to an anonymous collector. They had been estimated at £1,200-£1,500.

Ambitious claims by the auction house that a portrait painted 34 years after Shakespeare's death did in fact depict the bard appear to have been given credit when the work sold on its lower estimate for £66,000 to the London dealers Quaritch. The firm

also spent £29,700 (double estimate) on Sir Isaac Newton's own annotated copy of his Arithmetica Universalis and £10,450 for 12 letters from Dylan Thomas to an old schoolfriend.

Page proofs for the three volumes of The Lord of the Rings, with many questions marked and courteously answered by J.R.R. Tolkien himself, sold to the London dealer E. Joseph for £12,100.

A handwritten fragment of a play bearing a close resemblance to a scene from Shakespeare's Henry IV, Part I and claimed by the Shakespeare enthusiast Francis Carr to be by Francis



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Clinton takes 30% lead as Bush hits record low

GLOOM over the poor performance of the American econo-Few incumbents my and fears among voters have gone into an that unemployment will continue to rise are contributing election with to a huge erosion of voter negative ratings confidence in President Bush. as low as President At the same time the poor economic picture is propelling Bush's and still Bill Clinton into a commandmanaged a victory, ing two-to-one lead over his Republican rival in the opinwrites from

the White House.

that almost half of the elector-

According to surveys published yesterday, Mr Clinton is now about 30 per cent ahead of Mr Bush, who has suffered Washington. in the past 12 months the biggest fall in popularity ever recorded in polls for an incumworsen and a third expect it to stay bumping along the bot-tom. The depth of the gloom bent president. More than 50 per cent of voters disapprove of recorded by the survey also suggested that voters are unthe way Mr Bush is running likely to be persuaded by Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve chairman, who yesterday told a Senate committee that Few incumbents have gone into an election with negative ratings as low as President he believed the economy

Bush's and still secured vicshould pick up soon and enjoy tory. Harry Truman, Lyndon a modest recovery which Johnson and Jimmy Carter also suffered high disapproval ratings but only Touman manwould push the unemployment rate down next year. The Post poll also showed that Dan Quayle is not helpaged to overcome his unpopuing Mr Bush's re-election eflarity to win a second term. A poll published in The Washington Post yesterday fort 63 per cent of those polled disapproved of Mr Quayle's performance. Several Republisuggested that voters were not convinced by White House claims that the economy can senators in the past few days have urged Mr Bush would improve. It indicated privately to replace Mr Quayle

as his running mate with

Richard Cheney, the defence

HOW FIRST-TERM PRESIDENTS HAVE FARED

Jamie Dettmer Quayle being dropped are very slim. By contrast, Senator Al Gore is viewed favourably by those polled, with 55 per cent saying he was a good choice by Governor Clinton.

> ton enjoyed in the wake of last week's Democratic convention is not yer over. Although it is traditional for presidential nominees to experience a sopost-convention bounce, Mr Clinton's has been unprecedented in its strength. Weekend polls gave him leads ranging from 20 to 24 per cent. Yesterday's surveys put him 29 and 30 per

Yesterday's surveys suggest that the surge Governor Clin-

There was no doubting the confidence of the Clinton camp yesterday. It was posi-

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vely exuding good cheer on the fifth day of a six-day, 1,000-mile bus tour through the Rust Belt states of Ameri-ca's industrial heartland. Campaign managers have pulled no punches in their efforts to present Mr Clinton and his running mate as fue Kennedys of the 1990s. And they have been Reaganesque in their ability to manipulate visual political images linking the Democrat pair to youth and energy. Mr Clinton has looked re-

laxed on the tour, particularly when visiting small farm towns. In his appearances, he has generally worn plaid shirts instead of suits. In the small Ohio town of Wilmington on Monday night, he sat on a bale of bay with a stem of straw in his mouth and talked to farmers about agriculture. It was window-dressing that Ronald Reagan would have been proud of.

So far, the Republican effort to label the Democrat candidates as typical "tax-and-spend liberals" has failed to hit home. There were signs late on Monday that the Republi-cans will soon start raising the "character question" about the Arkansas governor. Marlin Fitzwater, the White

House press secretary, said the Bush campaign would soon start getting "aggressive", one of his code words for negative campaigning. Mr Bush also signalled a tougher White House line against Mr Clinton during a Monday night satellite link-up with support-ers in 27 states. "On November 3, the American people will make a choice, and they'll decide who has what it takes, who has the experience, the integrity and the character to lead this great nation," he

Outwardly, White House aides remain convinced that Mr Bush's fortunes will rebound after next month's Republican convention in Houston and they argue that there is always panic in the Grand Old Party after the Democratic convention. But White House aides pri-

vately admit that the lacklustre used to kill themselves. Bush-Quayle '92 campaign is



Instrument of death: Jack Kevorkian explaining his "suicide machine" during an interview in October 1989

'Dr Death' cleared of murder charges

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

AN AMERICAN judge yesterday dismissed murder charges against Jack Kevorkian after he helped two very ill women from Michigan end their lives last year.

Dr Kevorkian, whose history of helping patients to die by using a "suicide machine" of his own invention has earned him the sobriquet "Dr Death" had been accused of causing the deaths of Sherry Miller and Marjorie Wantz in October 1991.

Yesterday's ruling in the first-degree murder charge. which carries a mandatory life sentence on conviction, stated that Michigan had no law against assisted suicide. Judge David Breck also pointed out that prosecutors had failed to prove that Dr Kevorkian had personally activated the devices which the two women

The judge requested, but

desist from couselling the ter-minally ill who want to die until legislative action is taken to resolve the complex legal and ethical issues involved. Supporters of legalised doctor-assisted suicide said yesterday that the decision might secelerate legal reform, but this is

not likely to happen soon. But Dr Kevorkian's lawyer has said that the doctor has no intention of stopping his controversial methods. Miller, 42, had advanced multiple scieno sis and killed herself by inhaling carbon monoxide: Wantz, 58, suffered from acute pelvic pain and used a lethal injection of drugs. Dr Kevorkian does not deny being present when both women died, nor that he constructed the machines which killed them.

Yesterday the 63-year-old retired pathologist from Michigan said: "This is the way it should always have been. This

Mandela lays wreath at Khomeini shrine

Nelson Mandela placed a wreath at the shrine of Ayatollah Khomeini on a visit to Iran. Tehran Radio reportto Iran. Tehran Radio reported the ANC president as saying, "the imam's [Khomeini's] ideas encouraged to during our struggle against apartheid". Mr Mandela was given a welcome befitting a head of state. Earlier he met King Fahd of Sairdi Arabia King Fahd of Saudi Arabia.

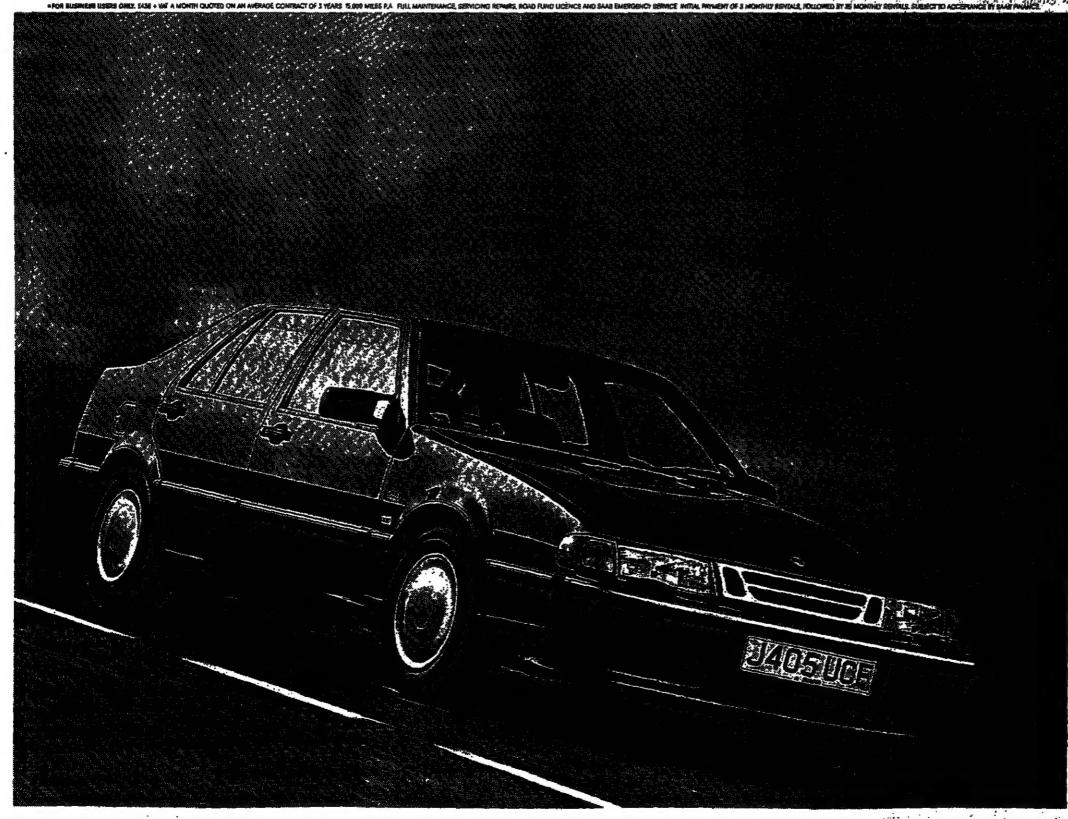
writer Alexander Solthenitsyn, said that in a two-month search she had been unable to find a suitable home for them in Russia. She said her husband wanted to return home from America, but he would not join any political group.

President François Mitterrand of France has decided to

have no more wreaths laid in his name at the tomb of Philippe Petain, the second world war collaborationist leader, according to Serge Klarsfeld, the French Jewish campaigner. M Mitterrand was jeered at by protesters on July 16 when he laid a wreath.

King Bandouin of Belgium, who has undergone two opermings in the past year, used his independence day speech to quell rumours that he would abdicate. "Now that the doctor have given me back my excellent health, I will be glad to continue to serve you," he said.

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Baker takes up the daunting task of Winning over Assad

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

JAMES Baker, the American Secretary of State, yesterday embarked on the toughest challenge of his Middle East peace mission, when he arrived in Damascus to enlist support for his initiative from President Assad, the hardline Syrian leader.

Mr Baker left Jerusalem

after three days of talks with Israeli and Palestinian leaders in an optimistic mood because of the change in atmosphere caused by the new government of Yitzhak Rabin. He said he panned to take the message that "there is a year. message that "there is a new opportunity to move forward with peace talks" as he continues his tour with visits to key Arab capitals to try to encourage gestures of goodwill.

Yesterday he met King Husain of Jordan in Amman before flying to Damascus, where his scheduled meeting with Mr Assad was postponed because of the death of the Syrian leader's mother. He will be visiting Egypt and Saudi Arabia later in the week.

DEFYING the risk of a Mus-

lim hundamentalist ambush, Yitzhak kabin, the Israeli

prime minster, yesterday con-cluded his rip to Cairo with a

visit to the only functioning

city centre synagogue, spiritu-al bome for one of the Middle

East's smallest Jewish

From a thriving total of 75,000 in 1948, the Jews in

Egypt nownumber fewer than-140, with he majority elderly

women without families living

in Cairo The rest are in

this is really more of a muse-

um than a place of worship. We do nothave weddings or

anything like that any more, as we are all too old," ex-

plained the elderly concierge

of the syragogue on Adli

Pasha Street, close to a num-ber of seedy Arab hotels.

guage of the remaining Egyp-tian Jews, who also often speak Arabe. "Very few com-

municate or read in Hebrew."

she added, refusing to give her name as sle said that inter-

views were not approved by

the Egyptian security authori-

ties. An Egyptian secret police-man stood by as she spoke.

Where one scores of syna-gogues wern filled with sab-bath worshippers, the one visited by Mr Rabin and his

heavily armed entourage is the

only one officially open in

MOVES by he mainly Zulu

party leader, have widened the

gulf between it and the Afri-

can National Congress. Cyrus Vance, the United Nations

envoy, who arived in South

Africa last night, faces a tough job to get the quarrelling sides

together to erd the violence

A meeting of the signatories

to the national peace accord,

which was to lave been held

next week it review the progress since list September,

seems likely to be boycotted by Inkatha, after a fiery declara-

tion by Chief Buhelezi that he

could no longer at in the same

room as Nelson Mandela, the

ANC president. The chief told 10,000 dele-

gates at his partys 17th annual conference in Thundi at the

weekend that Mr Mandela's

speech to the UN Security

Council was too much to endure. "How or earth does

one sit down and talk to a

person like Mandda," he said,

down a gauntlet, which we

shall have to pick up or suffer total political ignominy

among those sections of the

community who are prepared

to die for the idealswe serve?"

Freedom Party was attacked by Mr Mandela as a surrogate

for the government which, he

said, was waging a campaign

of state terrorism against its opponents. Chief Brihelezi ac-

cused him in turn of having

Delegates at the Inkatha

conference resolted that ernment of Transkei.

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At the UN, the Inkatha

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and start negotating again.

Inkatha Freeiom Party and statements by Chief Mangosutha, Buthelezi, the

Buthelezi widens the

rift with Mandela

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

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Mr Baker's optimistic mood was primarily the result of several rounds of talks with the week-old Labour-led coalition government, which has already taken steps to curb Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and implement self-rule for the 1.8 million Palestinians in the territories.

Senior leaders of the Palestinian Liberation Organisation met in Tunis yesterday to co-ordinate their response to Mr Rabin's peace overtures. They remain divided over how to react to his pledge to reach an agreement with Palestinians in the occupied territories for limited self-rule. Although Mr Baker was

evidently encouraged by the new Israeli approach and the signs of a softening of attitudes among Palestinian leaders and the Jordanian menarch. his real work begins today when he meets President Assad, the region's most consistent hardliner and one of the most powerful Arab rulers.

Cairo although a few others

are occasionally opened up.

The rigid security around the faded building with its

rubbish-strewn entrance was

an indication of the difficulties

faced in eliminating the tradi-

tional hatred between Arabs

and Jews. Throughout the

day, repeated searches were

made for bombs and potential

snipers, but most Arabs in the

vicinity seemed uninterested

in their Israeli guest.

The visit by Rabin has

revived many hopes," the con-cierge added. "We are all hoping that, inshallah [the Arabic term meaning "God

willing], it will bring real

The mass exodus of Jews

from Egypt began after the 1952 revolution and gathered pace after the 1956 Suez crisis

and Nasser's decision to na-

tionalise the personal proper-ties of the rich. "This building

We who have remained have

staved because we liked the

city and because the Egyptians

the Inkatha view that

Umkhonto we Sizwe was a

common denominator in the

It is unlikely that Umkhonto

we Sizwe would be disbanded.

It is more likely that, as a result

of the negotiating process

being resumed and satisfacto-rily concluded, its members will be inducted into the South

Inkatha Freedom Party seems

to have drawn even doser to

the government in the stalled

negotiations. A reporter for The Star, the Johannesburg

newspaper, who attended the

Uhundi conference, said that

while Inkatha has continued

to maintain that it has no

plans to strike an alliance with

the National Party or like-

minded organisations, the

Inkatha Freedom Party guest

list and the welcome accorded

its guests seemed to indicate

that such an alliance was

Guests included the govern-

ment, the Democratic Party,

the hardline Conservative Par-

ty, and the governments of

Bophuthatswana. Ciskei.

QwaQwa and KwaNdebele. There were no guests from the

ANC, the Pan Africanist Con-

gress, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, the

Communist Party, or the gov-

easily possible".

African Defence Force.

political violence.

Israeli leader visits

Egypt's last Jews

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

The official Syrian press has accused the new Israeli gov-ernment of trying to mislead Western public opinion with a more flexible approach. Priafraid that it will be margin alised in the current peace efforts, now concentrated on the Palestinian issue, to the detriment of Syria's demands for the return of the Golan Heights, which Mr Rabin has refused to relinquish.

"Rabin has made it clear that he wants to sort out the Palestinian question first and then deal with the Golan Heights," said one Israeli official. "He has calculated that Syria is weak and will not be able to challenge alone a US-led initiative supported by key Arab states."

However, during his talks with the Israeli leader, Mr Baker warned Mr Rabin of the possible consequences of marginalising Damascus, which is bosting a meeting of Arab delegations this weekend to discuss a joint position on the peace process. Both Israel and America are aware that the last time President Assad was ignored over Lebanon, both countries in turn were embroiled in a humiliating guerrilla war against Syrian-backed militias. Similarly when Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, defied Damascus, the Syrian leader engineered a revolt within the PLO's ranks.

Yesterday Israel was given a grim reminder of the continned dangers when an Israeli soldier was killed and three injured in southern Lebanon in a roadside bomb attack by Hezhollah, the Iranian-backed Shia Muslim organisation which operates with Syria's connivance.

As David Kimche, the former director-general of Israel's foreign ministry, con-chided in his recently published book, The Last Option, peacemakers in the Middle East would be well advised to remember the formula proposed by King Husain's late father, Abdullah, who was murdered for trying to make peace in the region in 1951. He had warned Israel and the Palestinians to remember that the Arabs could not make war without Egypt and could not make peace without Syria." wrote the British-born diplomat at the start of the current peace process. "It was

timely for us to recall that old

have been good to us," the concierge added. "I will never · Nicosia: Iraq's official meleave now, but it is sad not dia made no mention of ruhaving any young people. Our people have spread everymours circulating in the region that President Saddam where -- Europe, America and of course Israel." Hussein had been assassinated. Egypt's Middle East News agency, monitored by the BBC said in a dispatch from Since the 1979 peace treaty, Israel has ensured that the dwindling community of Egyptian Jews receives special Kuwait that the rumours had spread there but that there was deliveries of the unleavened no information confirming bread eaten during Passover. them. The Iraqi news agency, monitored here, was broadcasting normally. (Reuter)

man's advice."



Historic talks, page 1 Umkhonto we Sizwe, the military wing of the ANC, must be disbanded by September 14, the anniversary of the signing of the peace accord, and made Inkatha's participation in any future negotiations or peace forums conditional on that. The resolution emphasised

Peace seekers: President Mubarak, right, greeting Yitzhak Rabin in Cairo yesterday, the first meeting between an Egyptian and Israeli leader for six years, before talks on a Middle East settlement. Mr Mubarak has accepted Mr Rabin's invitation to visit Israel Delhi will use force in

FROM RAJU GOPALAKRISHNAN IN DELHI

temple feud

INDIA'S government threatevict Hindu fundamentalists building a grand temple beside an ancient Muslim shrine in Ayodhya.

The latest escalation in the dispute in the Hindu pilgrimage town in northern Uttar Pradesh state could lead to widespread religious strife. At least 2,000 people have been killed over the controversy in the past three years.

Court orders to halt con-struction have failed to stop thousands of Hindu holy men and devotees building a plat-form next to the ruins of the 16th-century mosque. "We will clear the area of devotees now engaged in building the temple, if the state government refuses to honour its constitutional obligations." S. B. Chavan, the home minis-

ter, told parliament. The Uttar Pradesh government, ruled by the Hindu revivalist Bharatiya Janata Party, says it will not use force to drive people from the site. The federal government previously has been wary about using force, fearing an outburst of rage in the predominantly Hindu country.
Political analysts said Delhi

would delay action until the Supreme Court ruled today on a petition seeking contempt of court proceedings against the state government for ignoring orders to halt the building. The Supreme Court is the only institution left between normalcy and anarchy," said Gobinda Mukhoty, an attorney, arguing in favour of censuring the state government.

petition, it might encourage Delhi to dismiss the state government for not heeding judicial orders, analysts say The federal government could then take steps to clear the site. But any forced removal of the Hindu hardliners could lead to political turmoil. (Reuter)

The clear favourite in this

If the court accepts the

Peking and Patten swap warnings over airport

By David Watts, diplomatic correspondent

IN THE growing argument over Hong Kong's new airport, China has cast a fresh shadow over Chris Patten's first weeks as governor of the Jiang Zemin, the Chinese

Communist Party leader, warned Britain not to treat the Chinese as fools, Ta Kung Pao, a pro-China Hong Kong newspaper reported, in a new round of criticism of the amount of money being spent on the project. "Don't just care for your own benefits and don't play tricks. Both sides should stick to the memorandum of understanding," he was quoted as saying.

The theme was taken up by Chen Zuoer, a senior official Macau Affairs Office. "We cannot spend money lavishly which the Hong Kong people have accumulated over so many years, turning the new airport project into a tiger's mouth to swallow the wealth of the Hong Kong people," he said, amplifying the Chinese government's concerns that the cost of the airport will leave too little in reserve after China takes control of Hong Kong's affairs in 1997. The airport is being built on the outlying island of Chek Lap Kok and

requires an expensive road and rail link to Kowloon. In an attempt to mollify Chinese opinion, Sir David Ford, the colony's chief secretary, recently took the unprecedented step of announcing the total of Hong Kong's reserves, which had been a closely guarded secret for decades. But the \$3.2 billion (£1.67 billion) figure apparently did not impress Peking. "Britain has no right to say it is leaving [the reserves] to the future Hong Kong government as if it were charity," Mr Chen

Mr Patten, in marked contrast to the style of Sir David Wilson, his predecessor, is taking a more robust line in the airport dispute. Before Mr Jiang's statement was pub-

lished, he had already insisted that the airport would be built despite differences of view. "I neither feel nor, I think, look like a bully and I would very much like to avoid any ... ritual exchanges on an issue we all want to see resolved as soon as possible," he said. He dismissed attacks against Mr Ford for going public over the negotiations, saying that Chi-na was playing the same

"I recall that on July 6 a senior and distinguished offi-cial in Beijing [Peking] set out in terms what the latest pro-posal put by the People's Republic of China on the airport amounted to. That was done publicly," he said.

Both sides have age

principle that the airport is needed to boost confidence after the Chinese govern-ment's bloody 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy

demonstrators in Tiananmen Square and more so given the doubt over Hong Kong's continuing prosperity. Cheng Kai-nam, a member

of the newly formed pro-China Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong, told Ta Kung Pao that Mr Jiang, in a meeting with him, accused Britain of breaching the 1991 agreement. "As it's a memorandum, how come it is not memorised? Don't think others are most foolish and you are most devert Don't treat us as like fools!" he quoted Mr Jiang as saying. He denied that China was

using the airport funding issue as a bargaining chip to block any moves towards de-mocracy. "We haven't made such an attempt. We aim at preventing the funding of the airport from turning into a huge burden," he was quoted as saving.

Top Chinese aide jailed for protests

FROM CHRIS BILLING IN PEKING

A SENIOR aide to Zhao three years he has already Ziyang, the deposed Chinese Communist party general secretary, was sentenced to seven years in prison yesterday for crimes linked to the ill-fated Tiananmen Square democracy movement in 1989.

Bao Tong was the highest-ranking Chinese figure to stand trial in connection with the student-led protest movement. His conviction is expected to be the last important one to come out of the movement. Bao, 59, was convicted on the dual charges of divulging state secrets and counter-revolutionary propaganda and incitement, said Zhao Zun-sheng, an official at the Peking intermediate people's court, where the trial was held. He will receive credit for the

served, the court official said. Bao was accused of leaking to student protest leaders in-formation about plans by the Communist party to impose martial law in Peking and halt the protest. Dozens of police surrounded the court in western Peking where the closeddoor trial was held. Even Bao's wife and daughter were barred from all but the ten-

Though others involved in the 1989 movement received heavier sentences, Bao's family expressed outrage after the verdict was given. "It's not a question of severity or leniency. He was not guilty," said a man who identified himself as Bao's brother but declined to give his name.

Stronger, at least, than the

rather sad and earnest Small-

and Medium-Sized Com-

panies Party, which would

like to represent the hopes of

harried and underpaid salary-men. The S&M Companies

Party has adopted, without

any obvious explanation, a boiled egg as its logo and

exists to spread the unusual

message that "Japan needs

its small and medium-sized

companies more than it

A serious shortage of cha-risma and compelling issues

has rendered mainstream

party election politics more

than usually tedious, but the

minor parties are getting

more than expected atten-

tion. "I am not taking the

election too seriously, but if I

vote it will be a toss-up

between the Invention party

and the Japan Hope party. It

is just a bit of fun really," said

Naoko Shima, a young Tokyo

thinks".

minute sentencing.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Iran expels **UK** envoy for spying

Nicosia: Iran has ordered the third secretary at the British embassy in Tehran to leave the country within a month because of actions "violating diplomatic norms", the Iranian news agency, Irna, said vesterdav.

Ima quoted an "informed source" at the Iranian foreign ministry for the expulsion of Geoffrey Brammer, but did not say when he was ordered out or specify his alleged offence.

A Foreign Office spokesman said that Britain had protested over the detention of Mr Brammer by security officials in Tehran for several hours on June 17. He said Mr game of squash with an Iranian pilot. It was alleged he had formed the friendship to spy on Iran. (Reuter)

Briton charged Port of Spain: Two Britons,

named as David Allen Simmons, 50, and his daughter. Shanti, and a Grenada national were charged with illegal possession of firearms and drugs worth £1.5 million. Trinidad police said. (Reuter)

Svria accused London: Despite the well-pub-

licised release of 2,000 prisoners, thousands of political pris-oners remain in jail in Syria, according to Amnesty International. Since then hundreds more political suspects have been arrested.

Lima bombed

Lima: A car bomb wrecked a research institute run by a former adviser to President Fujimori of Peru, killing three people. It happened just 500 yards from where a car bomb killed more than 20 people last week. (Reuter)

Muslims killed

Colombo: Sri Lankan Tamil rebels held up a train in the eastern district of Batticaloa. killing ten passengers and wounding five seriously. Most of them were Muslims, according to a military spokesman. (Reuter)

Arab execution

Abu Dhabi: Two United Arab Emirates nationals are to be executed by firing squad after being found guilty of raping three Indian women and causing the death of one of their victims, aged 13, and her grandmother. (AFP)

Tourist dies

Nairobi: Beatrice Ham, a British tourist, died from burns she suffered when a hotair balloon used to view wild animals caught fire and crashed in Kenya's Masai Mara game reserve, hospital sources said. (Reuter)

Wed lock

Are-en-Barrois, France: Bowing to pressure from some parishioners, the Bishop of Langres, eastern France, has banned mock wedding ceremonies for honeymooning Japanese tourists in the local church (AFP)

Vinegar and love diet adds sauce to Japan's polls

PROM JOANNA PITMAN

WHILE some might say that the silly season never ends in the world of Japanese poli-tics, yesterday marked the official start of play for the legions of loony parties when national newspapers pub-lished the manifestos of the 38 contesting Sunday's national election to the upper house of the Diet. Many Japanese have dis-

missed the election as a contest of old men, old insults and threadbare promises to clean up Japan's infamously venal politics. Voter turnout is expected to be as low as 50 per cent and everyone knows that the ruling Liberal Democratic Party will remain in power, as it has for the past 36 years. The appearance, therefore, of a clutch of dotty eccentrics offers the longsuffering electorate a refreshing diversion.

year's bumper crop is the Japan Let's Love Vinegar party, a three-year-old alliance of elderly gentlemen whose ideology is enshrined in the slogan: "Anti-illness and more consumption of vinegar." Shinichi Fukuda, a party member, said: "Every-one should drink more vinegar to feel healthy and reduce stress." Shomatsu Nagata, Love Vinegar's chairman, stares out of his party poster with the pinched expression of a man who has been asked to clean up after the cat was sick. Perhaps he has just swallowed one of his thrice

Women may have expressed solidarity with Takako Doi, the first woman to lead a main party, the Social Democratic party, in the past, but the housewives' choice this year is the dashing Yoshiro Nakamatsu, founder of the Invention party, who

daily doses of vinegar.

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claims to have invented the very useful floppy disc as well as the rather less handy "bouncing shoes". Seen careering round Tokyo pro-pelled by a pair of giant springs attached to his feet and waving a magic wand, Mr Nakamatsu promises, with a straight face, to invent a "happy and romantic new world for Japanese women". A bold and saucy new party called the Japan Hope party

is running on a platform that seems to call simply for more sex. "Let's live our lives according to our natural rhythms," proclaims its heart-spattered poster and its members are reportedly having a roistering good time spreading the word on the campaign trail.

But the object of smart money is the Kaze no Kai, a party of ultra-nationalists with considerable financial and underworld muscle who "denounce Japan's grovelling foreign policy and to abolish its wishy-washy politics". Represented by populist co-medians and light entertain-



among housewives

ment celebrities in the Terry Wogan mould, the Kaze no Kai, which translates as "the Windy party", is expected to make a strong showing.

Maastricht referendum casts pall over French sun-seekers "



Chirac weak support

VISITORS to French beaches and campsites this summer are advised to speak loudly in foreign tongues if they want to avoid being accosted by earnest young men and women

Failure to do so will lead to a quiz on France's topic of holiday homework: the treaty of Maastricht. From the iced'Azur to the villages of Flanders, busioads of young canvassers are being dispatched by both sides to warn holidaymakers that the wrong vote on September 20 will mean the end, if not of life on earth, at east of France as they know it.

Whether it was a brilliant Machiavellian gambit or a reckless gamble that could cost him his job, President Mitterrand's referendum, set for September 20, has spoiled the summer for just about

President Mitterrand's gamble for a yes vote has spoilt the summer for everyone, Charles Bremner writes from Paris. It is a ruse that could cost him his job

political scene and given a he said, would be finished dose of the willies to European along with everything France neighbours. These believe it just possible that voters could ignore the advice of the main party leaders and vote no as an act of rejection of M Mitterrand, his tired Socialist administration, Paris and everything from new driving licences to politicians as a whole. For the moment at least, the polls show a majority voting in favour. M Mitterrand, who has cut

chief - the four men being

blamed for failing to ensure

Signor Borsellino's safety.

Aldo Rizzo, the mayor of

Palermo, also resigned yester-

During the service for the Pappalardo lashed out at the

mafiosi, who he called "shep-

herds of Satan", and praised

Signor Borsellino for his "faith

and courage". The congrega-

tion burst into applause when a sister of the woman police

officer who was killed in the attack read a tribute to her.

Signora Mancino and

extremes are the Communist party of Georges Marchais and the National Front of Jean-Marie Le Pen, strange bedfellows who both see Maastricht as the undoing of France. For M Marchais, who his holiday to a week and by a French communist leader to the United States, Maaswith an apocalyptic warning on Bastille day about the consequences of a no. Europe. tricht hands over the country

along with everything France

had worked for since the second world war. Maastricht

means peace, he said, leaving

no doubt that jackboots would

be on the march again pretty

soon after a non. At the other

party must be the last on earth to conjure up the demon of top-hatted capitalists. For M Le Pen, who is leading a characteristically nuanced cru-sade against "Euro-federasts", Maastricht effectively means handing over the country to barbarians and then, by implication, to North Africans.

It is of course among the mainstream opposition led by the duelling "elephants", Vald-ry Giscard d'Estaing and Jacques Chirac, that M Mitterrand's ploy has wrought the greatest political havoc M Giscard, angling for a job as prime minister after next March's elections and eventually a return to the presidency, is leading his UDF troops under the less

The polls are bearing this

Mitterrand and his Socialists have fallen victim to the lorry drivers and a resurgence of scandal around the party's financial affairs brought on by the indictment of Henri Emmanuelli, the parliamen-tary speaker. For weeks now, Pierre Bérégovoy, the prime minister, has been trying to sweeten the path to a yes by dropping unpopular plans and appeasing the angry tribes in his latest move on Monday, M. Bérégovoy an-nounced a generous four-year. plan to soften the misery of the farmers as the largesse of the common agricultural policy is cut back. In an illustration of the citizens' revolt, the mainstream farmers' union thanked the prime minister profusely while the militant peasants' organisation dis-missed his scheme as "ridicu-

Among the Gaullists, M

his RPR party are campaigning hard against the treaty. Philippe Seguin and Charles Pasqua laid down their logic on Monday, proclaiming Maastricht to be "the birth of a superstate that escapes from all democratic control, the dilution of French nationality in a vague citizenship that will be the prelude to upheaval This vision of French blood untramelled immigration is the most powerful weapon wielded by the treaty's oppo-nents. Against all the Gotterdamerung talk around France's historic vote, the Generation Ecology party yesterday launched a drive to win the hearts of the young and the hip under the unlikely proposition that Europe could

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Giscard: anging for

Sicilians clash with police after being barred from funeral

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN PALERMO

A STATE funeral in Palermo yesterday for the five police bodyguards killed with Paolo Borsellino, the anti-Mafia judge, by a huge car bomb on Sunday, was marred by clashes between security forces and ordinary Sicilians.

Hundreds of people outraged at being kept out of the service scuffled with police and carabinieri outside the basilica of San Domeinco, Palermo's cathedral, where at least a thousand police and soldiers were deployed. Demonstrators screaming "politicians come outside," "assassins" and "we want to cry for our dead" burst through police lines into the square in front of the cathedral, shaking

The service was boycotted by Signor Borsellino's family. President Scalfaro and Giuliano Amato, the prime minister, attended the funeral. resided over by Cardinal Salvatore Pappalardo, the Archbishop of Palermo, but

S icilian journalists trying to keep up their spirits played

a macabre game this week.

placing bets among them-selves who will be the Mafia's

The "favourite" at the mo-

ment appears to be Leoluca

Orlando, the courageous lead-er of the new anti-Maña Rete

(Network) party, which is lead-

ing a popular revolt against

the Cosa Nostra killers on the

island. Signor Orlando, a

former mayor of Palermo who

broke with the Christian Dem-

ocrat party because of its past

links with the Mafia, received

several telephoned death

threats after the murder on

Sunday of Judge Paolo

Borsellino, the anti-Mafia

campaigner. Signor Orlando lives in a fortified police bar-

racks and made his first public

appearance in Sicily for sever-

al weeks in the early hours of

yesterday during a street pro-test organised by his followers.

Many other well-informed Sicilian journalists, however.

believe the Mafia gunmen's

next target will not be a Sicilian at all but a Milanese.

He is Judge Antonio di Pietro, the magistrate who has rocked the political establishment by

exposing the system of bribery and corruption organised in

Milan by mainstream political

parties, notably the Socialists

and Christian Democrats,

who distributed public works

contracts in return for kick-

backs from businesses big and

Tudicial sources say "Opera-

J tion Clean Hands", the di

Pietro investigation, has led to

the arrest of some 60 politi-

cians and businessmen. "Op-

eration Clean Hands" is

parallel to similar enquiries

that Sicilian magistrates have

tried to carry out in Palermo only to be blocked by their

superiors. Many Sicilians

believe Signor Borsellino re-

cently had sought to revive the

investigation of these connec-

tions, following up clues point-

ing to Rome politicians

hitherto considered beyond

Alberto di Pisa, another

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next "illustrious cadaver".

Favourites for the killers' hit list are an anti-

Mafia party's leader and a crusading judge,

John Phillips writes from Palermo

Mass started when police fi- Palermo and the city's police nally managed to clear a corridor through the irate

Some police officers mobbed the two leaders as they were hustled out of the church at the end of the service. The officers apparently were angry because the people outside had not been allowed to attend the Mass.

Only hours before the funeral began, seven of Palermo's 16 deputy prosecutors resigned en masse over the conduct of the fight against the Mafia. The collective protest dealt a further slap in the face to the authorities.

One of them, Judge Vittorio Teresi, said it was no longer worth fighting the Mafia through the courts. "One risks death without obtaining any satisfaction from the courts." Speaking on state television, he called for the immediate resignation of Vincenzo Parisi. the police commissioner, Nicola Mancino, the interior

crusading Sicilian magistrate,

was accused of writing threat-

ening anonymous letters to his

colleagues and transferred

after he sought to investigate

possible corruption in the

Corte dei Conti, the watchdog

judicial body meant to prevent

graft in the awarding of public

Signor Borsellino and Giovanni Falcone, his col-

league who was killed on May

23, are the latest in a long

series of judges murdered by

the Matia in Sicily over the

past 20 years. But the elimina-tion of two such important

investigators within two

months is without precedent.

Democrat European parlia-

the start of the Italian general

election campaign in March.

For decades Signor Lima had organised electoral

support on the island for

Giulio Andreotti, the former prime minister. Criminolo-

gists have speculated that the murder of Signor Lima was a

vendetta killing, ordered after

Signor Andreotti's govern-

ment earlier this year initiated

measures to co-ordinate the

battle against the Mafia at

national level by creating the

post of "super-prosecutor" with 26 special regional assis-

tants. Falcone had been ex-

pected to take up this job. After

his murder Signor Borsellino

was next in line for the

new anti-Mafia decree rein-

forced by the government of

Giuliano Amato, the new

prime minister, yesterday will

deal a death blow to organised

crime unless the links between

politicians and the Mafia are

broken and the Mafia leaders

who have been on the run for

decades - although their

whereabouts are known - are

Few Sicilians believe the

Claudio Martelli, the justice minister, were conspicuous by their absence. An official statement said the ministers were obliged to stay in Rome to attend a parliamentary session examining anti-terrorist legislation. But political experts said the ministers feared their presence at the firmeral would minister, the civil governor of tion by Sicilians frustrated b the latest Mafia outrage, and could have led to disorder Media lay odds on similar to the protests against politicians during the funeral of the leading anti-Mafia judge Giovanni Falcone in May. Falcone, his wife and next Mafia target three bodyguards were killed when the Mafia detonated a

> way linking Palermo to the city airport. Sicilian magistrates held an alternative ceremony yester-day for Signor Borsellino in his parish church to pay tribute to him. They snubbed the state's funeral for not providing him, as they see it, with sufficient protection. Signor Borsellino's family announced on Monday that they

huge bomb under the motor-

for the judge.
In Rome, the cabinet decided to strengthen an anti-Mafia decree announced last month to allow police to search Mafia strongholds without warrant and to provide for special trials for Mafia suspects with less stringent evidence requirements. The decree will also now allow greater reduction of sentences for matiosi who had become

would hold a private funeral

'supergrasses".
On Monday, 55 leading believe the governing body of Cosa Nostra, the so-called cupola (dome), were able to sentence the judges to death only after the assassination of members of the Mafia, many of them kingpins of the Sicil-ian underworld, were flown by Salvatore Lima, the Christian military aircraft from Palermo's high security Ucciardone ment member and the most prison to the remote penal powerful politician in Sicily at island of Pianosa, off the coast

Leading article, page 13 | a long time".



Sorrowing touch: relatives and friends of a police officer killed by a Mafia car bomb follow the coffin to the funeral in Palermo yesterday

Britain blots EC copybook

IN THE short time Britain has held the presidency of the European Community's council of ministers, it has gambled away its credibility as an honest broker by using the position to further its interests. according to Thomas Gack, experienced Brussels correspondent of the Stuttgarter

Zeitung, writing after Mon-day's foreign affairs council.

"Instead of employing the famous British virtue of 'fair play' and keeping a polite distance, instead of juggling with the ball, they are kicking their own ball crudely to the front - and scoring an own goal with it," he wrote in yesterday's paper. "What a German diplomat in Brussels politely described as 'overzealous', other partners see as a tough and brazen policy of

The 80 questions tabled at last week's finance council meeting by Norman Lamont "to nip in the bud the EC Commission's proposals to in-crease the EC's resources. which London has blocked for

UN persuades Croatia to let in 4,000 Bosnian refugees

FROM TIM JUDAH IN ZAGREB

MATTRESSES, blankets and been accused by Serbs of. indulging in the same evil. A emergency food rations were being rushed to the Croatian small group of Bosnian Serbs town of Karlovac yesterday, as who have reached Serb-held preparations were made to receive some 4,000 Bosnians territory near Sarajevo claim that a Crost extremist militia, always known by its initials HOS, and Muslim "green berets" attacked their village of in flight from their home town of Bosanski Novi. Under pressure from the United Nations Bradina, 24 miles southwest High Commissioner for Refugees, the Croatian authorities, who had refused to let in the of the Bosnian capital last week. They killed more than refugees, relented on condi-100 civilians," said one survition that the UN finds them other countries to go to.

Bosanski Novi's Muslim refugees have been wandering for several days as they are surrounded by hostile Serb-held territory. Before the war they made up 28 per cent of their town's population, but as the area is being "ethnically cleansed" they have been served notice to leave. According to Peter Kessler, the UNHCR spokesman, "the Serbs have given them the message to go. The aown's two mosques have been destroyed and notices have gone up saying 'Muslims get out' They are leaving out of fear." While Serbs have been most associated with the policy of

vor. "They rounded up 300

other men, all those between 14 and 80. They took away all the women and children to their camps. We escaped because we ran away." All sides allege that "concentration camps" have been set up for civilians. While there is no hard evidence, the testimo-

nies of increasing numbers of

refugees suggest that the most nightmarish tales of roass murder and cruelty are yet to be told. Walter Hoffman, a UN field officer, said: "From what I have heard from the refugees, they just mund up hundreds and thousands of people and put them in a football stadium or field . . I

believe it." Meanwhile, continuing fighting around Serbian besieged Sarajevo meant that the UN-controlled airport re-mained closed for the second day running. Early in the day six relief flights took advan-tage of a hall in the fighting and President izetbegovic managed to fly out.

Mr Izetbegovic came to Zagreb for talks with President Tudiman of Croatia Over the past two months both presidents have announced various military alliances or confederations between the two countries, only to promptly deny such things later. Asked about a military pact. President Izethegovic said yes-terday that, while the states cooperated on a practical level, this has not been

UN dispute, page 1

Black Sea ship bolts for Odessa

Kiev: The battle or control of the former Sovit Black Sea fleet reached dangerous levels yesterday after one of the fleet's escort waships hoisted the Ukrainian ensign and bolted. Tass saidibe vessel was heading for the Ukrainian port of Odessa, pursued by a missile patrol lost with an assault crew on loard ready to take it back by force (Robert

Seely writes).
Other militar vessels and aircraft were allo reported to be tailing the slip, raising the possibility of a rash between the increasing hostile pro-Russian and pro-Ukrainian elements of the leet.

Leader chosen

Vilnius: The inhuanian parliament nominated Alexandras Abisala, 37. to replace Gediminas Jagnorius as prime ministr. Parliament dismissed Mr agnorius in an overwhelming no-confidence vote last week [Reuter]

Curtain raiser

Boan: Germiny has agreed that the 1,000-mile corridor where the Irol Curtain used to divide the curtary should be sold to raise unds for unification. Naturalsts want the area kept as a willife reserve.

Coup blame

Moscow: Atlatoli Lukyanov, awaiting tral over the Kremlin coup, has blamed Mikhail Gorbachev The organisers informed the president in advance and le took not a single step to block it." (Reuter)

Plane crashes

Washington: A V22 Osprey military arcraft crashed into the Potopiac river, south of Washington All seven people on board were presumed dead, a spokesman for the US Marine Corps said. (Reuter) Finding

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Clashes kill 18

Moscow At least 18 people have dies in ethnic fighting on the southern edge of the for-mer South Union, with clash-es reported in Nagorno-Kara-bakh, Gestgia and Moldavia news agencies said. (Reuter)

US tobacco giants stalk Poland's smoking classes

"ethnic cleansing", a cuphe-

Croats and Muslims have-

mism for mass expulsions.

FROM PATRICIA KOZA IN WARSAW

POLISH legislators, alarmed at new figures showing that their country has the highest tobacco-related death rate in Europe, are fighting back against a multi-millionpound marketing campaign by the world's giant tobacco

Legislation has been introduced in both houses of parliament to severely restrict production and advertising within Poland by tobacco companies tapping a vora-cious market. "Smoking is the biggest single health dan-ger to the Polish population." said deputy Piotr Krutul. arguing for strict state control of tobacco products. The peoples of Central and Eastern Europe are among the world's heaviest smokers. In Poland, about 40 per cent of

A British study in May revealed that by 1995, of all adult Polish males who die between the ages of 35 and 69, 51 per cent will succumb to tobacco-related diseases. Most of the other East and Central European countries listed percentages in the forties of tobacco-related deaths, higher than anywhere in

Europe except for Ireland. Foreign tobacco firms, led by American giants R. J. Rey-nolds and Philip Morris, are engaged in takeovers, joint ventures and advertising and promotion campaigns in Eastern Europe. The market is so lucrative that for a time. RJR in Poland found that the

own Camels was Camels smuggled in "Poland is a very hig potential market," said Piotr Piwkowski, the general manager of R. J. Reynolds Poland, which last month broke ground for a \$33 million (£17 million) factory outside Warsaw.

Smart new newspaper kiosks and bus stops, painted in the red and white Mariboro colours with prominent cigar-ette advertising, have sprout-ed throughout central Warsaw. Caught off guard, RJR counter-attacked with a fleet of taxis in Camel gold - their doors displaying the familiar symbol first seen in Poland

before the second world war. In Prague, umbrellas advertising tobacco products shade outdoor cafes along winding cobblestone streets, and decats in shop windows advertise sweepstakes and other promotions. "All the bigger cities are flooded with American tobacco products," said Dr Jerzy Lewandowicz, a cardiologist from the central Polish city of Lodz. "American cigarettes have fine pack-ages. They're colourful and attractive. It's a kind of

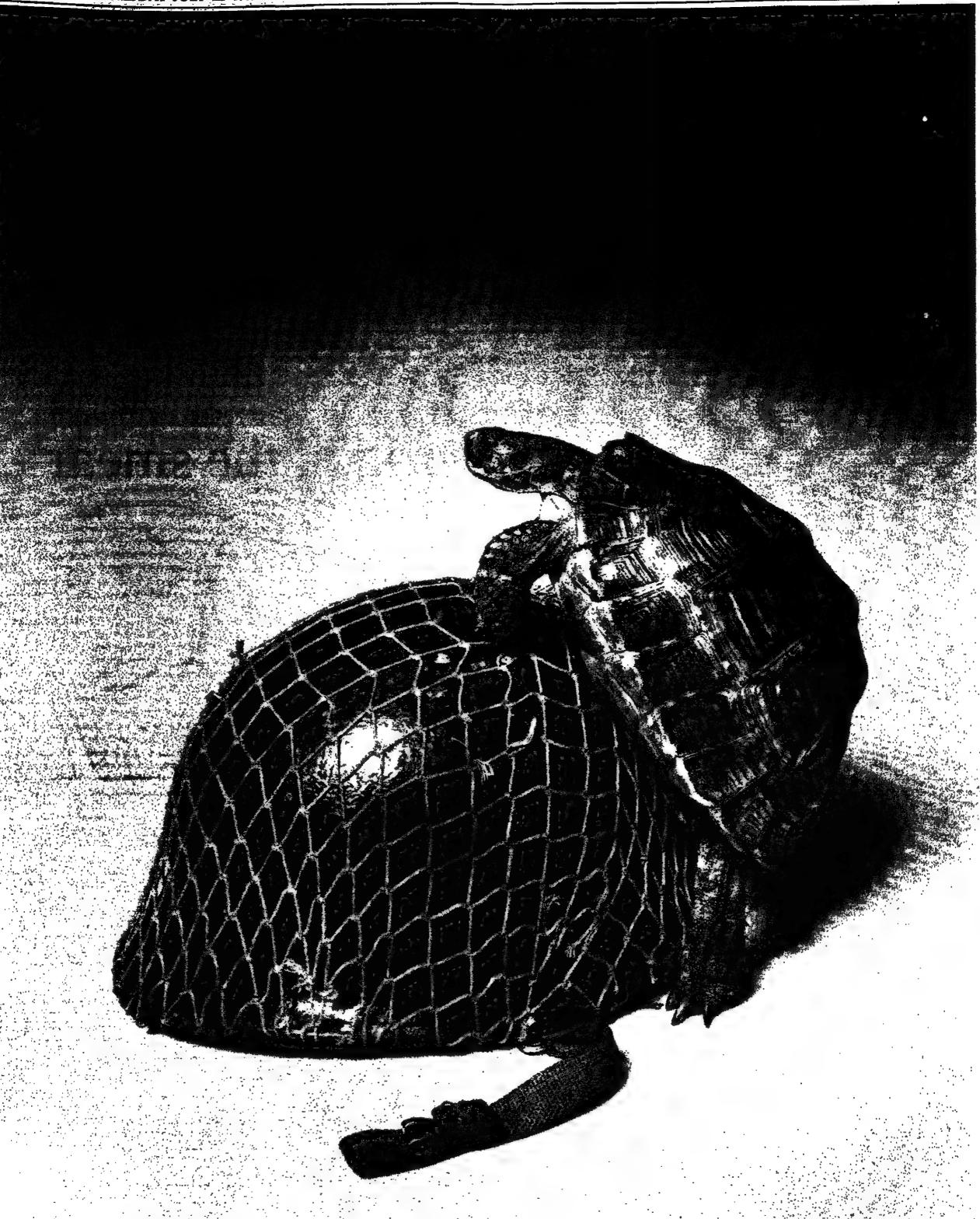
The fledgeling anti-tohacco lobby has seized on the promotional blitz and the British study as a call to arms. Dr Stanisław Leczynski, who represents Polish doctors on the smoking issue, complains that neither the cashstrapped government nor the anti-tobacco group can handle the promotional on-slaught. "US tobacco com-

panies are doing everything they can here to sell their products - advertising spon-soring sports and cultural events, even targeting children," he charged. The tobacco companies disagree, saying they only seek to persuade confirmed smek-

ers to switch to their brand. RJR advertising in Poland does not use "Joe Came!", the hip, sunglass sporting car-toon figure that has been found to attract children in America. Philip Morris says the sports events it sponsors in Poland only carry the corporate name, not Mariboros. Both firms are ready to live with a han on media advertising apparently confident their products will find favour over local brands that

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Games of life and death

Has the Olympic ideal grown too big for its boots, asks Bryan Applevard

Desecrating

the holiness of

he Olympic Gold computer game on the Sega Mega-drive system has been issued to celebrate the Barcelona Olympics. As well as providing simulations of a number of sports, it offers the option of running the entire pompous ritual. You can have an opening ceremony com-plete with Olympic flame, flight of doves and a closing ceremony with fireworks. If you win a medal it plays the national anthem.

The point is, of course, that Olympic swimming or running are essentially different from ordinary swimming or running. They are better, finer, greater. Consider what these rituals simulated by Sega mean: the flame is a quasi-religious emblem of immortality, the doves are a biblical symbol of world peace and the national anthem is an assertion of local loyalty in the midst of this global carnival. The whole program signals the startling success

of Pierre de Coubertin's eccentric Hellenistic notion that physical ex-cellence could be reborn as the modall human virtue.

the Olympic One thing the Games is a fragmented modern world does not sure way of have is a universal ideal of virtue. shocking Arbitrarily impos-ing one borrowed people into from the Greeks is as good a way as paying any of filling the vacuum. The enattention ergy and costly grandeur which the host nations

and multi-national sponsors pour into the Games suggest that no price is too high for a slice of unqualified virtue on the international stage.

Barcelona, with its £800 million extravaganza, is the best yet. The main Olympic site, on the top of the city's Montjuic park, is a grandiose architectural essay on the confused modern conception of glory. Once, absolute significance would have been symbolised by classical or gothic religious imagery. Now it is symbolised by an extravagant eclecticism.

The old, revitalised stadium with its equine statues is the climax of a wide avenue which leads down to a glum exercise in architect Ricardo Boffil. On a distant hill is a telecommunications tower by Sir Norman Foster. Dotted about the rest of the site are numerous arry exercises from the pages of architectural magazines, as well as the one good building: a sports hall by the Japanese architect Isozaki, with a superb elongated dome and rippling caves. Looking down on the whole thing from a neighbouring hill is a vast, ancient necropolis, a handy memento mori for the runners.

The presence of works by these architectural superstars is Barcelona's way of saying that only the best is good enough. Foster and Isozaki are the modern equivalents of spices from the Indies and the jewels of the Orient: signs of extravagant quality and taste. The crowds that will pour up the escalators installed on Montjuic are to be initiated into a richlydecorated holiest of holies accept-

able to both Christian and Muslim, because at its heart lies the uncontroversial and unarguable notion of physical excellence.
At Barcelona, however, there is

controversy, not about the nature of this sanctuary, but about who is its keeper. At least half the money came from the Spanish govern-ment, yet the extraordinary Catalan nationalist president, Jordi Pujol, is going to great lengths to insist that these are the Catalonian Games. His campaign describes Catalonia as "a country in Spain with its own culture, language and identity". It is Catalonia, not Spain, that has "won" these Games for its capital. The Europhile central government intent upon presenting the Spain as a big, unified, modern economy

is naturally incensed. What Pujol has seen is that modern nationalism must express itself as internationalism. Mere anti-Madrid factionalism is not

enough, because that would appear as no more than a quarrel. What is required is a virile assertion that one is fully a nation, en-titled to a turn at celebrating the sporting brother-hood of man.

It is, in its way, a vindication of Baron de Coubertin. Hellenistic virtue has proved hugely persuasive as an international ideal. So persuasive that everybody wants to exploit the

ideal by associating it with their particular reality. At one level this results in sponsoring companies spending huge sums to acquire virtuous fallout for their fizzy drinks or running shoes. In this context. Catalan nationalism may be said to be playing the same game as Coca-Cola.

But the other sign of the boliness of the Olympics is that desecrating the shrine is a sure way of shocking people into paying attention. There was irony behind the Russian boycott of the games in Los Angeles in 1984, the American boycott of the Moscow Olympics in 1980 and even the Palestinian killing of Israeli athletes in 1972. The irony was that these acts demmatter next to macropolitical issues, but that Olympic sport is overwhelmingly important. So many people take it so seriously that to imply that something else is more serious is a kind of almost unbelievable radicalism.

The Olympics, like those "Teach the World to Sing" Coca-Cola ads, are now a kind of liberal, pluralist, multi-lingual prayer. Their amateurism, the supposedly harmless innocence of sporting competition, and all the paraphernalia of doves and flames are secular invocations based on an absolute ideal of physical achievement which is meant to transcend the relativities of politics and commerce. It doesn't work, of course, and the sport itself is almost always uniformly boring. But, somehow, even on the Sega Megadrive, there is an odd, distant poignancy about the flame and the flock of doves.

Alison Halford's sex discrimination case shows the urgent need for reform, argues David Pannick

n June 4, 1990, Alison Halford began proceed-ings in the industrial tribunal, alleging that the chief constable of Merseyside, the Home Secretary, Northamptonshire Police Authority and the Inspector of Constabulary had all discriminated against her because of her sex by repeatedly refusing to promote her to the post of deputy chief constable. Two years and more than £1 million of costs later, the proceedings have been senied by agreeing to accept Miss Hal-ford's application for early reinrement from the end of next month on a pension of £35.836, including a lump sum of £142,600, and the

dropping of disciplinary proceedings against her.
Given the gravity of the allegations made by Miss Halford, the defendants might well echo the was fined £5 by a magistrate for helping a friend to steal a police-man's helmet: "I was dashed glad to get the thing settled at such a

much of the 39 days of evidence provided an entertaining insight into the lives of senior officers on Merseyside. The tribunal was asked to consider the implications of "liquidacious" dinners at which

Tribunals don't work

an assistant chief constable may have eaten his potatoes with his fingers, while Miss Halford asked the wife of a senior officer, "What's a nice lady like you doing with a

man like him?" Dixon of Dock Green was never like this. If presented as drama to the viewers of The Bill, the life and times of Alison Halford would have been dismissed as a wholly implausible way to run a police force. Whether or not there was sex discrimination, some senior police officers plainly need lessons in management of human resources.

The Halford case shows that reform of discrimination law is urgently required. Lord Justice Lawton explained in the Court of Appeal in 1978 that "Parliament intended that industrial tribunals should provide a quick and cheap remedy for what it had decided were injustices in the employment sphere. The procedure was to be such that employers and employees could present their cases without having to go to lawyers for help. Within a few years

legalism has started to take over."
Recent studies show that delays in industrial tribunal hearings are increasing as cases become more complex and more numerous. The employment minister. Michael Forsyth, told the House of Commons last month that the average time taken for a case to reach the employment appeal tribunal after the decision of the industrial tribunal is a wholly unacceptable two years.

There are severe burdens on

a complainant bringing a discrim-ination case. Unless she has the financial backing of her trade union or the Equal Opportunities Commission (a large part of whose legal budger has been spent on the Halford case), litigation may be impossible. Legal aid is not available. If the employee even tually wins her case, the maximum compensation she can be awarded is £10,000. The tribunal has no power to award interest payable on the long wait before a case is heard, nor has it the power to require the employer to

appoint or promote a woman who proves her case. If the law wishes to encourage

employers to comply with the duty not to discriminate, it must remove the upper limit on compensation and confer increased powers to award exemplary damages. Employers in America take the anti-discrimination law seriously, because they know that if they do not meet their obligations, penal damages awards can have a serious impact on their financial viability. By contrast, many employers in this country ignore the law unless a claim is brought against them. and then they have little incentive to settle cases speedily. Improvements in tribunal pro-

cedure are essential. Earlier this year the London North Industrial Tribunals med an experiment statements by the parties before the hearing. Witnesses were crossexamined on only those parts of versial. The scheme was not a

success. It proved time-consuming for administrative staff and threatened to impose additional costs on the parties in cases which might be settled without proceeding to a hearing. Nevertheless, in man-moth cases, when both sides are legally represented, such a proce-dure should be compulsory.

Tribunals should insist that leading cases such as Miss Halford's are heard within months. not years. Regional chairmen and the Employment Appeal Tribunal should ensure that delays are not tolerated. In important cases, the tribunal should have power to transfer the proceedings to a High Court judge, who should have the power to focus attention on the essential points and compel the parties to prepare for a hearing ithin a very short time.

Unless the procedure for dealing with sex discrimination cases is amended, women considering bringing such claims will be deterred by the experience of Alisa Halford. The Home Secretary should institute an immediate tary should institute an immediate enquiry into why a case involving police authorities has done such damage to the rule of law.

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Anthony Howard on the shady dealings between politicians and newspapers

Secret world of the smear

supposed to be inseparable from the political process. There may be countries where that is true, but Britain at first sight does not appear to be one of them. On this side of the Atlantic at least, the kind of assassination job that the Bush campaign did on Governor Dukakis in 1988 is out of the question - for the simple and wholesome reason that British electoral law has not so far permitted political advertisements on television.

Whatever efforts are made to discredit political opponents are far more likely to come in the form of winks and nudges. In that sense, if a prominent mem-ber of the cabinet did approach The Sun at the time of the last election with the names and addresses of three women alleged to have had affairs with Paddy Ashdown, he (and it must have been a male, since there were no women members of the cabinet at the time) was only acting in accordance with a fine old British tradition. In this country it has always been the custom for politicians to offer the tip and then the running.

It was because Lord Hailsham (or Quintin Hogg as he then was) breached that tradition that he landed in such trouble in 1964. During an election speech in Dulwich, he rounded on a heckler with the remark: "If you can tell me there are no adulterers on the front bench of the Labour party, you can talk to me about Profumo." Immediately the fat was in the fire, for in making an accusation directly and in the open, the then minister for education and science had broken all the rules. His punishment was not slow in coming. In a classic political putdown, Lord Attlee announced with all the acerbic authority of a former prime minister that Mr Hogg had "behaved like a little schoolboy" — adding for good measure "it is time he

Usually, however, senior politi-

cians take care to avoid such a fate Harold Macmillan, for one, always contrived to be much more feline - even, when necessary, towards members of his own party. When, for example, Sir Anthony Nutting resigned in protest over Suez in 1956, Macmillan encouraged the Downing Street press secretary of the day to "spread the dirt about Nutting". (William Clark, Anthony Eden's shortspokesman at No 10, was deeply shocked and refused

to do anything about it, although details of the departing minister's private life surfaced nevertheless in The Sunday

By contrast, Conservative Central Office, which is often regarded rumour web, can behave with notable restraint. It certainly knew all about Jeremy Thorpe and Norman Scott long before either of the 1974 general elections. But, although Edward Heath's government at the time was under severe pressure from the Liberals. a level to make no use of the the more creditable as it is usually

information. That decison was all when troubles pile up — as they certainly had by 1974 — that political parties find themselves tempted into the territory of black propaganda. It was, no doubt, with that very

much in mind that in September 1974 Harold Wilson chose a platform in Portsmouth to deliver a specific warning against the tricks he feared the Conservatives might get up to in order to win back power. This was an extraordinary speech, with its specific allegation that "cohorts of distinguished journalists" were "scouring the land" in an effort to dig up any material discreditable to Labour politicians and their party. In the event, the old news editor's warning was not borne out by anything that happened in the campaign, when Labour enjoyed



When governments are in trouble, smears are not far behind: Cummings' view of events of 1963

the most friendly press coverage it has had in any post-war election. Yet, with the benefit of hindsight and in the light of Peter Wright's revelations in Spycatcher, it is all too easy to understand why Harold Wilson thought it prudent to launch a pre-emptive strike.

evertheless, over the past 70 years it is probably true that there has been only one serious stain upon the Conservative party's escutcheon. That was the incident of the Zinoviev letter in 1974. It is now penerally accepted that the letter, purporting to come from the Supreme Soviet to the Labour Foreign Secretary, was a forgery, but that did not prevent the Daity Mail from playing it up for all it was worth at the time. Again, it may be significant that the party tried to keep its own fingers clean by using a newspaper

as its conduit pipe. There is now little doubt that the letter, if not his own invention, was at least planted by Sir Joseph Ball, who, improbably and improperty, com-bined open and above board responsibilities in Conservative Central Office with more mysterious duties discharged for the

security services. On the other side of the ledger, the Tories have long felt aggrieved by the campaign which the Daily Mirror conducted during the 1951 general election. Starting out very early on by posing the question Whose finger do you want on the trigger?, the paper hammered away at the same theme all the way through the campaign. The paper-tried to-stoke fears about what was then atomic rather than nuclear war, and the dear subtext of its successive front-page headlines, culminating on polling day itself,

was that Winston Churchill was a warmonger who could not be trusted to preserve the peace of the world. Churchill himself was so upset by the paper's campaign it that he insisted on suing for libel, despite winning the election, and eventually collected £1,000 in an out-of-court settlement.

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The truth, of course, is that smears by themselves are seldom wholly effective. To work in political terms, they have to include a scare element (hence the success of the Tories' distortion of the Labour party's tax proposals at the last election). Many would maintain that all this is part of the rough-and-tumble of political combat. If I have a doubt about that, it is because I still recall the notorious Willie Horton television commercials in the 1988 presidential election. A message as base as that one, devalues the whole democratic process.

the literary world was agog yes-

terday at the news that Anthony

...and moreover

f you read this, you will be helping to celebrate one of the major triumphs of my life. For I have no idea whether or not it will be printed. All I can

do is write and pray.
This uncertainty has, for once, nothing to do with the Editor or his printer, but everything to do with me and mine. Indeed, and again for once, if I print it, the Editor will have little option but to follow suit, irrespective of its contents, because he will have no other contents to put in its place: should this get to The Times at all it will get there very subs will be pacing the Wapping after-deck, pointing their tele-scopes towards Cricklewood. tugging the half-hunters from their moleskin waistcoats every two minutes, and making pointless telephone calls to an instrument which has been unhooked for that very reason.

Are there. I wonder, vintage computer rallies? Do cheery fanatics foregather in rural venues to stroll the serried ranks of one another's gleaming old hardware, jabbering in fluent Shibboleth, swapping otherwise unobtainable parts, or at least the names of little men round the corners who can cobble such vital restorative gubbins from nothing more than old Meccano

set and a saucer of spit? Do not tell me there are. because the news will come a day too late. It was yesterday that I needed them, when, just before noon, my old computer went down and the terminal

sturdy old tub, the Apple Macintosh 512k, a simple VDU, a simple keyboard, a simple printer, and a little mouse which ran around my desk earning my living. When I bought her in 1984. I didn't know why a little box with a mobile marble under it was called a mouse, and I don't know now, because the only thing I have learned about computers is not to try to learn about them, since there is no question I can ask which results in a comprehensible answer. Worse, what seems to be involved is a sort of exponen-

tially negative learning process whereby any one thing I try to

find out requires two more things to be found out first. But when the old tub went to the fritz yesterday. I knew it was bad, and when I rang my Apple agent for advice, he said buy a new tub, there are no spares for the old tub. so I ran round to his place and emptied my overdraft into his palm and ran home again with a lot of big boxes, not stopping to ask any questions because (a) I had a piece to write for you about cabinet ministers. and (b) I would not have understood any of the answers. It was only when I opened the boxes that I found myself with the biggest question of all, which was why is my new tub not like my old tub? Why is even the mouse different, more wee,

more sleekit, why is the printer

not like my trusty old mechani-

cal job, but a bubble-jet item called a StyleWriter with four

into the VDU, what are these styles it wishes to impose, will it do Sam Johnson. Oscar Wilde Bernard Levin, do i just hack out any old rubbish and send the mouse off to find a pre-programmed wordsmith who will shimmer it into imperishability. have we at last reached the point where an ape and an Apple can cobble King Lear?
But if I cannot learn, I can at

least read, so I opened the manual and put it together, and I switched it on, and my new mouse and I quarried away at this rather enjoyable romp (if they will pardon the expression about cabinet ministers, and I went to bed at 3 am. planning as I always do, to print the

morrow morn.
Which at 9am! did. but the StyleWriter did not deliver the stuff in the manner of Trollope or Cartland, it delivered it in the manner of blank paper, so I sent the mouse back to the screened script and the next thing I knew the screen itself was blank, and when what had vanished proved to be irretrievable. I rang the Apple agent, and he talked me through the procedures the way a control tower does when aliens have eaten the pilot and a passenger has to take over, but to no avail, it was gone forever, and since I cannot take a bucket twice to the well, cabinet ministers may now rest easy in their

beds, and anyone else's. Which leaves me with only this apologetic sick note. I have been told how to print out, now, but whether it is a lesson learnt bubbles rose pitifully on the floppy discs of its own to feed remains, literally, to be seen.

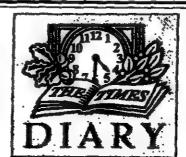
Retirement with clocks

AS ALISON HALFORD retired from her £45,000-a-year job yesterday, headhunters were preparing to inundate the former police officer with offers likely at the very least to quadruple her salary. At just 52, Halford could work for at

least eight more years. John Stalker, after departing in not dissimilar circumstances, landed several jobs said to have netted him £250,000 a year - ranging from advising Millwall FC on security to working for Central TV.

Yet employment consultants in Liverpool doubt Halford will want to work again after receiving such substantial settlement and an inflation-proof pension. "Why would she want the aggravation of going to work?" asks Tim Read, of Read and Associates. "She is well-connected here in Liverpool, and might involve herself in community work. But she should retire gracefully to her garden and contemplate the flowers." Yet others are already wooing Halford as a consultant to major businesses. security firms and private detective agencies in the area. "Now that her name has been cleared. there will be numerous opportunities if she wants them. She also has a great cachet as a representative of successful career women," said one upmarket employment agency yesterday. We could line her up with all sorts

of lucrative contracts. Brian Hilliard, editor of Police Review, who has been close to Halford throughout the tribunal, says: "She has already secured a book contract with HarperCollins. She may well retire to Spain where she has a place outside Malaga, and concentrate on building up her collection of clocks."



· Everywhere Robert Key turns

these days, he seems to be con-fronted with problems. If it isn't David Mellor, his boss at the heritage ministry, it is his neighbour's horse, which has kept Key occupied by failing to clear the fence dividing the two properties. This week Key, who had just opened his red ministerial boxes at his Wiltshire home, was disturbed by a noise at his front gate. Soapy, the neighbour's horse, had tried to jump the fence into his garden, but had ended with his legs tangled in the gate. Key rushed to the scene and immediately summoned a vet. "Mr Kev saved Soapy's life." says the horse's grateful owner. Sue O'Gorman. He is also doing a similarly valiant job attempting to save his boss's career.

A smear too far

CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS. columnist for The Nation and a much favoured Brit among the pundits on Capitol Hill, has been dropped from the roster of talking heads for election coverage by the TV station Cornedy Central. While debating with writer John Podbertz on family values during the Democratic convention last week, Hitchens used no fewer than three expletives while discussing an imaginary conversation over the Bush breakfast table, in which he portrayed the president denying in emphatic terms to his wife that he was having an affair, and instructing his son to leak the denial to

Anchorman Ai Franken tried to intercede, and when that failed the rogramme switched to adverts. Hitchens, who recently led a debate in favour of political saints against sinners at the Oxford Union, says: "I had been told I need not watch my mouth because it was cable TV. Then the next day I got a message saying I had been fired."

• As ministers prepare to fly to far flung spots for their summer vacations, one at least is planning something of a railwayman's holiday. Transport minister Roger Freeman and his wife Jennifer are planning a three-week trip on

At least its the right kind of snow



the Trans-Siberian railway, from Moscow to Peking via Mongolia. Freeman, a regular train commuter, is convinced that by the time he returns he will be in the mood to take a more benign view of British Rail. "We have even been told to take our own toilet paper," he says.

Sum novel AMID accusations and denials.

Cheetham's publishing house has paid £250,000 for the first prose novel by Vikram Seth. This puts Seth alongside Salman Rushdie, who was paid a similar sum for The Satanic Verses. Only such populists as Jeffrey Archer and Ken Follett command more. Yet the talk in publishing circles is about the news that Giles Gordon, Seth's agent, has sold the book to Phoenix, the literary arm of Cheetham's publishing house Orion, which, coincidentally, employs Maggie Gordon, the agent's wife. Gordon denies any family savouritism in the sale of A Suitable Boy, an enormous tome about India in the 1950s, which he describes as one of the great novels of the century. "We were on * holiday at the time of the deal. This is the first time I have offered a new author to Maggie's firm. It would have been quite improper for me to offer it directly to her."

 No conference is complete without its fringe, and the International Aids Conference in Amsterdam this week is no exception. Delegates have all had invitations to "Europe's first pan-sexual safer sex night" after the con-ference. The owners of America's Queen of Heaven safer sex club in San Francisco have flown over to organise the event in conjunction with Tuppy Owens, producer of The Safer Sex Maniacs Diary. Owens says: "There have been complaints that current safer sex propaganda is depressing and omits the fun and pleasures still open to us. This event will counter act such trends." Tickets cost £120, and the location the organisers coyly describe as. "a cosy dungeon in central Amsterdam".



PUBLIC PENANCE

Britain's public finances are in a mess. Ministers were irresponsibly extragavant before an election that many believed they would anyway lose. Their strategy since has been to hope that something, preferably the economy, would turn up. Unfortunately the economy has shown no signs of resuming the growth necessary to float government finances off the shingle on which they are beached. This is the background to today's cabinet meeting at which ministers will be told that the money has run out.

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This year's public sector borrowing requirement looks set to overrun the £28 billion forecast in the Budget, which itself was double the figure forecast last year: The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development estimates that between two-thirds and three-quarters of the deficit can be put down to such recessionary factors as high unemployment benefit payouts and low tax receipts. But that still leaves £8 to £10 billion worth of spending that has nothing to do with the state of the economy.

Now, like someone returning from a holiday binge half a stone overweight, ministers will have to do penance. Their spending bids are already £14 billion above the planning total, and that total presupposes a deficit of more than £32 billion next year, which is already likely to overshoot. It simply is not feasible to borrow much more than that. The markets will start to complain about the amount of gilt-edged stock being issued. Already the Treasury has had to row back humiliatingly on its latest national savings bond because it was soaking up savings that building societies needed. And if ever there was a good time for unpopular political decisions, it is now, straight after an election

Where will the savings come from? The temptation will be to sacrifice capital spending. It is easier to postpone the building of new schools or hospitals than to take tough decisions on, say, public sector pay. True, much current spending is una-voidable: benefits cannot be cut and have to be paid on demand. But capital spending is more useful for an economy in recession, and more likely to create jobs, than fatter pay packets for civil servants. Moreover, while many in the private sector have suffered pay freezes or lost their jobs, public-sector workers have been cocooned. Ministers should be prepared to be tough in this pay round.

Other obvious candidates for cuts are defence and road-building. If ministers want to improve the transport system, investment in rail is more productive and better for the environment. Indeed if the government wants to improve its green credentials and its finances at the same time, it could do worse than introduce a carbon tax.

It may seem perverse to be trying to rein back increases in public spending at a time when the economy is so sluggish. But government has to borrow the money for its spending, which in the short term puts pressure on interest rates and in the long term has to be paid back. The private sector, by contrast, has plenty of money to spend. The percentage of income that people are saving is at its highest for ten years. To promote recovery the government must persuade them to go out and spend some of that money.

To that end, it is counter-productive to be running schemes that positively encourage people to save. Tax breaks on share ownership and savings accounts introduced during a boom when the government wanted to curb consumption are now operating against the grain of the economy. If the government withdrew them, it could both save money and boost demand at the

Meanwhile, ministers really must stop talking about aiming for zero inflation. Low inflation is a means, not an end. Prosperity is the goal, and it can be achieved more easily with 4 per cent inflation — roughly the same as Britain's trading partners - than zero. The tougher ministers sound on inflation, the more reluctant people will be to spend money. And private-sector spending is what the economy most needs.

FACING THE MOB

Italy is marginally better positioned to counter the shock of the Mafia's latest mockery of the law than it was when Giovanni Falcone was assassinated in May. It took the murder of the Masia's most respected foe to end the political squabbling which had left the country without either president or government for six weeks, following a general election which had-pronounced the voters' curse on the entire postwar political establishment.

Now Italy has in President Oscar Scalfaro and the prime minister, Giuliano Amato, the almost unprecedented asset of two men dicked for their competence and, above all their integrity. But they must do far more than shift convicted matiosi from Sicilian to mainland prisons and send yet more police to Palermo if they are to convince Italians, after the murder of Signor Falcone's friend and colleague, Paolo Borsallino, that the state is now genuinely at war with the Mafia it has tolerated for so long-

Jan Maria

When Signor Amato declares that "the government, parlisment and judiciary will respond with the necessary unity and strength" to the killing of Signor Borsellino, he will strain the credulity of most Italians. Prosecuting magistrates in Milan and Venice have uncovered webs of bribery related to construction contracts from which all the main parties have taken cuts. Two investigations now involve such senior socialist politicians as Bettino Craxi and Gianni de Michelis, respectively former prime minister and foreign minister. The magistrates

involved have become popular heroes. These prosecutions have reinforced Italian suspicions that organised crime flourishes with the collusion of, and to the profit of. Italy's political class. Both the murdered judges complained publicly that the politicians were frustrating their efforts to bring the Mafia to heel, by holding up or

neutralising laws against organised crime. The creation of the élite national anti-Mafia unit that Signor Falcone and then Signor Borsellino were asked to head has been delayed in parliament. And too many of the more than a hundred anti-Mafia laws which have surmounted Italy's formidable legislative hurdles in the past decade have been so aketchily enforced that they are mere paper tigers.

... Nothing less than dismantling the systems of political patronage in which organised crime flourishes will, most Italians believe. shorten the odds against which men such as alcone and borselling lought and trackship lost. Instead of weak coalition governments and strong political parties. Italy now needs strong government, less dependent on party kingmakers. For once, Signor Amato's appointment was the result not of a backroom deal but of the need of all parties to find a credible reformer. This is promising, but his support in Italy's hopelessly fragmented parliament is so weak that he must depend on reaching over the politicians to the public to get his reforms through.

His trouble is that these reforms must involve an assault on all the "perks" - inflated pensions, tolerated tax evasion, overmanning by perhaps a fifth in the state sector, vote-buying investments - which have compensated the man in the street for the state's manifest failings. By their massive protest vote in April's elections, and their demonstrations in disgust at the Mafia killings. Italians have challenged the politicians to clean up their act. No longer are they comfortable with the sustaining myth that governments do not matter. But they may not like the strong medicine Signor Amato is mixing in response. If the country wants to defeat murderers, mobs and malgoverno, it must have the stomach for the hardships the battle will bring.

LIQUID IN LIVERPOOL

A lot of public money, perhaps over a million pounds, has been spent trying to prove that Alison Halford had been discriminated against in her police career because of her sex. Miss Halford sued Merseyside police in a case sponsored by the Equal Opportunities Commission that seemed at first a simple test of the right of women to advance on merit to the top. The right is worth fighting for, but all sides seemed rapidly to lose sight of the main point. The home secretary. Kenneth Clarke, was entirely justified in stepping in to all a halt. Another million and six more months could easily have been spent getting nearer neither to truth nor justice.

After she began her case, a disciplinary investigation was started against Miss Halford, who as an assistant chief constable is Britain's most senior policewoman. This generated more legal action. All these cases are now being brought to rest today by an out-of-court settlement to which both sides have agreed, albeit with some disgruntlement among members of the police authority. Miss Halford is to retire with a clean

record, on a good pension. As it unfolded, the case became notable not for advancing the cause of women's careers in the police but for the exposure it has given to the crudity of the Merseyside police "canteen culture", and the top echelon's version thereof in particular. The police like to complain from time to time about the contribution strong drink makes to death on the road and to crimes of violence. They stay rather quieter about the influence of strong drink on themselves and the quarrels of their senior officers. According to Miss Halford, who was no teetotaller, "drinky poos" - drinks parties - took place in Merseyside CID "at the drop of a hat": and not much less often, elsewhere in the force. To judge from the evidence, it seemed a little unfair that she alone was accused of being in charge of the force, as senior duty officer, while affected by drink.

Miss Halford was an exceedingly toughminded women in a rough, macho, harddrinking world: "liquidaceous", as she once referred to it. Allegations of male hostility towards any woman venturing into such circles are entirely credible, and the EOC rightly regards that prejudice as unacceptable. But the way in which it blocked her further promotion became more and more complex with time.

Most of the evidence given at the tribunal suggested a dislike of Miss Halford by some of her colleagues and superiors because of her personality, her informality, her strongmindedness, her rudeness, her failure to conform to certain conventions of behaviour, especially expectations among conservative policemen about what is and what is not ladylike". She seemed bent on out-playing the men at their own game. They hit back. Both sides seemed to lose all sense of proportion. Even the most worldly taxpayer is likely to be taken aback by the state of affairs among senior Liverpool police officers.

The affair illustrates all the vices of an adversarial quasi-judicial system when that approach is inappropriate. What had gone wrong was essentially a management failure. It needed to be corrected administratively: Administratively, the home secretary should now look further into the way the Merseyside force is managed, and not just to ensure it gives fair treatment to women. He should tell it the time has come to dry out and grow up.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Agenda for the EC summit in 1996

From Mr Alan Howarth, MP for

and the courts Stratford on Avon (Conservative) From Mr Christopher Morcom, OC Sir, In your leader today, "Mellor's misfortune", you correctly make a distinction between things which "interest the public" and things which may be in the "public in-terest". You then observe that editors, above all, ought to know the difference, and conclude that the matter should be left to editors, not to

It is an unfortunate fact that, time and again, it has been shown that some editors do not know the difference; or if they do, that they are not prepared to accept that such a distinction exists, if to do so would impair their circulations. Even if an offending editor receives a "rap on the knuckles" from the Press Complaints Commission, that is no redress for the person whose privacy has been unjustifiably invaded.

the courts.

Privacy, the press

I do not believe that it can be seriously disputed that any individual is entitled to be protected against invasion of privacy, save where public interest requires otherwise. I suggest that it has been amply demonstrated that there is a clear

need for a legal right to privacy.

Such a right, enforceable by the courts, should be provided where an editor, whether through lack of judgment or for reasons of expediency, fails to make the distinction between what the public is interested in and what is in the public interest.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER MORCOM, 1 Essex Court, Temple, EC4.

From Mrs Laureen Fleischmann

Sir, Intrusion into private lives by the press should not be curtailed by direct parliamentary restriction the freedom of the press protects us all — but by the ability to sue in the civil courts for a breach of the right to

This could be achieved by a statutory extension to the list of tortious acts that can presently be litigated upon, with perhaps the only defence available being "in the public interest". The burden of proving such a defence should lie with the defendant, legal aid should be available to the plaintiff, and the right to trial by jury should be available to both parties.

Yours faithfully, LAUREEN FLEISCHMANN, 2 Pump Court, Temple, EC4.

From Mrs Annabel James Sir, The national heritage minister

may or may not have misbehaved. TV and newspaper editors may find it all quite exciting, but it's so boring for most of us. Could we have some real news, please? Yours faithfully.

ANNABEL JAMES. The Garden Flat, 31 Royal Park, Clifton, Bristol, Avon. July 21.

First-aid priority From Air Chief Marshal Sir David

Sir, Your article. "Why can't we cope with a crisis?" (Health, July 17), makes me wonder why it is taking so long for the issue of first aid to be given serious consideration. In many years of service we at St John Ambulance have been consistently dismayed at the lack of public and public-sector interest in first aid despite the determined efforts of several organisations to bring it to the forefront of health and safety

Now you have highlighted the gravity of the situation and the lack of attention given to it, let us hope the vital issue of first aid is in the public

Yours faithfully, DAVID PARRY-EVANS Chief Commander. St John Ambulance). The Order of St John, 1 Grosvenor Crescent, SW1.

Relative values From Mr Roy Boulting

Sir. I note that the house John Lennon bought in 1965 for £25,000 and gave to the aunt who brought him up has just been sold to a millionaire Beatles fan for £410,000 (report, later editions, July 17).

Below, in the same column under the heading. "Sale falls flat", we learn that Sir Winston Churchill's former flat in Westminster failed to reach its reserve price of £300,000 at an auction in Mayfair. The values — and the valued — of

our times, perhaps? Yours and etc., ROY BOULTING, 5 Spare Acre Lane, Eynsham, Oxford

County history

From Dr Margaret Gelling

Sir. Philip Howard (... and more-over, July 11) is right to stress the long duration of the work of the Victoria County History, but more important now than its venerable past is its present and future. The nature of the volumes changed drastically in the decades following

The last paragraph of yesterday's letter from the Marine Conservation Society should have read: if the [EC Bathing Water] directive is not functioning... we must reform it, not repeal it.

Sir, It is encouraging to read the letter (July 20) from business leaders arguing for a European Community dedicated to free enterprise. In the wake of the prime minister's negotiating success at Maastricht, and in the new volatility of sentiment across Europe, there is a crucial opportunity to articulate the principles that ought to characterise the future development of the Community.

As we look beyond Maastricht towards the Community's next intergovernmental conference, due in 1996, there are three propositions to vhich, in my view, we must win

1. The terms of reference and powers of the Community institutions must be redefined. This must be done by the member states, and it should not thereafter be for the Community institutions to interpret the extent of their own powers.

The Commission should lose its present power of initiative and become the civil service of the Community, led by the Council of Ministers. The role of the European Court of Justice should be recast, and it should cease to engage in constitu-

tional innovation.

All of this needs to be set down in treaty revisions drafted in lucid and legally watertight language.

2. The Community should bring its view of economic reality into line with the modern world. Mass heavy industries and continental-scale org-anisation characterised an era that has passed. Today's most important raw material is knowledge, and the information economy is global and not susceptible to bureaucratic con-

Sectional subsidies, protectionism

and gramitous regulation are economically destructive. "Cohesion" payments on a scale to secure convergence of the economies of the member states would entail abandonment of the policies of low taxation and public expenditure restraint which are crucial to economic success. On a continental scale, it is no more likely to produce general prosperity than socialist redistribution on a national scale.

3. A single European currency would mean a single European state. Both aspirations should be discarded once and for all.

Yours faithfully. ALAN HOWARTH, House of Commons. July 20.

From Mr J. C. Stott

Sir, Sir Roy Denman (letter, July 20) is quite right. A "short pamphlet" would certainly suffice to explain to each citizen what he or she could hope to gain from a united Europe,

A much longer document would be needed to explain what we would lose. It would need to explain the byzantine ramifications of the common agricultural policy, the absurd concept of "cohesion", the pettifog-ging bureaucracy of "harmonisation", and how the exchange-rate mechanism stultifies economic growth. It would then show that all this would be compounded if we were further embroiled. Something about the length of the Massricht treaty would do.

Yours faithfully, J. C. STOTT, 3 Kennedy Gardens, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Questions of judgment From Viscount Bledisloe

Sir, Mr Pannick ("Questions of judgment". July 17) points out that the Master of the Rolls has "greater judicial power to mould civil law than any other serving judge". He rightly concludes that the next holder of this important office needs to be an able jurist who can give principled answers to complex problems. So far .so good.

However, Mr Pannick also says that the person to be appointed needs to be an efficient administrator, and cites increased efficiency as Lord Donaldson's primary achievement. This is factually correct. But this administrative achievement is a notable contrast to the achievement of his predecessor, Lord

Denning, in modernising and humanising the law of the land. By the nature of their upbringing,

few judges have had much experience as administrators, and if in the selection process primary attention is to be given to administrative ability. this is likely to be at the expense of outstanding legal ability. Surely the time has come when both the Master of the Rolls and the

Lord Chief Justice should be given a chief of staff of the calibre, and with the status, of the judges whom he has to administer. Thus, and only thus, could they be enabled to concentrate on their real job of moulding the law and striving towards a fair system of iustice.

Yours sincerely BLEDISLOE Fountain Court, Temple, EC4.

MPs' expenses

From Lady Ripley

Sir. On a recent TV news bulletin a person claiming the office of a "researcher" made the impertinent suggestion that more money was required for the servants of members of Parliament so they could do research, as it was phrased, into housing cases and other local issues. Since, as Lord Beloff points out

(letter, July 17) these matters anyway are not in the realm of the duties of a member of Parliament - they are local government issues and therefore the responsibility of councillors - it is a very irresponsible claim.

Furthermore, having worked for 18 years for my present member of Parliament, and for over 30 years altogether in the Commons, 1 consider members of Parliament do not need an attendant army of assistants. I am perfectly capable of fulfilling the requirements of my MP, however demanding, by myself. Yours faithfully.

SUSAN RIPLEY. 20 Abingdon Villas, W8.

Smoking and health From Sir David Price

Sir, The government's white paper, The Health of the Nation (report, July 9: letters, July 14, 20), reaffirms the well established fact that smoking is the single most significant cause of preventable premature death. The European Commission's "code against cancer" puts the same message as its top priority - simply "Do not smoke". Yet the Community spends over E900 million a year on promoting the growth of high-tar

tobacco by Community farmers.

Article 129 of the Maastricht treaty states: "The Community shall contribute towards ensuring a high level of human health protection . . . What more immediate contribution could the EC make to "human health protection" than to abolish this wholly misguided subsidy and use some of the £900 million to assist the farmers to find alternative crops or alternative sources of income?

Yours sincerely. DAVID PRICE, Forest Lodge, Moonhills Lane, Beaulieu, Hampshire.

the second world war, and the VCH has for many years now been abreast of and leading modern develop-

ments in settlement history with all the multi-disciplinary skills which

these require. I have the honour to be president of the English Place-Name Society (founded in 1923) whose raison d'erre is the production of a county by county survey of English place names. This enterprise also has developed greatly in recent decades, and

our volumes, like those of the VCH. now take longer to produce but are of much wider value than earlier ones. Funding in our case is partly from

Coastal controls From Mr F. G. Parrish

Sir. It is not quite correct to say that the Crown Estate Commissioners have planning powers relating to mineral extraction and fish farming ("Resorts press for laws to restore calm", July 13).

Fish-farming applications are the subject of extensive consultations and these are seen by some as a quasi-planning process, but the government has said it intends to pursue an evolutionary approach to future arrangements for fish farms.

Marine mineral extraction is subject to a non-statutory procedure controlled by government departments. The commissioners will not grant a licence for extraction without a favourable view from the department concerned, but they do not act as a planning authority.

Yours faithfully. F. G. PARRISH (Manager, Marine Estates). The Crown Estate, 16 Carlton House Terrace, SW1. **July 14.**

College library hours From Mrs Magda Czigany

Sir, Matthew d'Ancona in his vision of campus life 18 years hence ("Can we afford a degree for all?", July 14) expresses anxiety that libraries will be compelled to stay open for 45 weeks of the year. Most university libraries in this country already stay open for 50 weeks of the year, closing down only for the Christmas and Easter breaks.

The question is not whether libraries should remain open each day, every week, but for how many hours? Should they be open for 12 hours or even longer over the summer months? And, in the name of

efficiency, with fewer and fewer staff? No wonder that the profession once thought to be one of the least stressful is now becoming an occupational hazard.

Yours sincerely, MAGDA CZIGANY (Librarian), Imperial College of Science. Technology and Medicine. Prince Conson Road, SW7.

public sources via the British Academy, partly from a remarkably loyal membership which pays an annual subscription, and parily from the sale of back volumes.

There will surely be sufficient concern among the great and the good to ensure that a rescue operation for the VCH is mounted, and that other means of funding are devised. It should be expanding, not contracting, as by no means every county has work in progress.

Yours faithfully, MARGARET GELLING. 31 Pereira Road. Harborne, Birmingham 17.

A London home for the asking

From Mr Charles Ryland Sir, I read of the plight of the homeless ("90,000 new houses for rent needed", later editions, July 16) with increasing frustration. My discomfort arises as I. probably amongst many others, could help alleviate the dire straits of some that

need a home. My wife and I own a house in London with an empty two-bedroom self-contained flat on the top floor, which we would gladly make available to one or two of the young homeless on the streets at no charge. This might be the opportunity that some desperately need to start them on the path towards employment and a home of their own.

Every agency or council office I contacted, including a number of charities, were so unhelpful, and so incredulous of my offer, that even-tually I gave up. Their view was that they could not youch for the wards in their care - a fair point, but if I am willing to take the risk of allowing strangers into my home I would not hold anyone responsible except my-self should anything go wrong.

There is enough accommodation in private houses around the country to provide a ready solution to a national disgrace.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES RYLAND. c/o 12 Groveland Court, Bow Lane, EC4.

Legal aid policy

From the Chairman of the Legal Aid Practitioners Group

Sir, Many of the sentiments expressed by Patrick Stevens in his provocative article, "Milking the legal aid cow" (Law Times, July 14), are shared by many legal aid practitioners.

The unfortunate proclivity of Mr John Pitts, chairman of the Legal Aid Board, to equate productivity with servicing as many clients as quickly and cheaply as possible. regardless of consequences, is symptomatic of the government's current policy towards legal aid. It is also true that the present system of payment tends to reward the quantity of work rather than the quality.

The Lord Chancellor's proposals for the introduction of standard fees in magistrates' courts work will serve only to increase the standardisation of criminal defence work and will provide even less incentive for practitioners to provide a better quality service - that is, for those solicitors continuing to provide a legal aid defence service.

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN GILCHRIST. Chairman, Legal Aid Practitioners Group, c/o Hart Fortgang (solicitors), 26 Market Place, W1.

Mersey birdlife

From Mr Graham Wynne Sir. Fundamental questions on the environmental impact of the Mersey barrage remain unanswered (Focus on Merseyside, July 13). Studies performed by the Mersey Barrage company have confirmed that important numbers of birds depend on

the Mersey estuary.

However, insufficient data have been gathered to allow a realistic assessment of the effects of the barrage on birds and many other environmental factors. A reduction in tidal flows may adversely affect the dilution of pollutants in the estuary and reverse the successes of the present clean-up campaign.
The RSPB's view is that the

barrage poses an unacceptable threat to the internationally important wildlife of the Mersey estuary. There are cheaper ways of reducing pollution from electricity generation which have much less environmental impact

Yours faithfully. GRAHAM WYNNE (Director, Conservation). The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire,

Putting her back into it

From Mr John Dove Sir, I am not competent to comment on Mr Faldo's expertise with a golf club; as we saw at Muirfield, the results speak magnificently for them-

However, as a specialist in spinal disorders I must express grave concern for the well-being of the lumbar spine of the young lady who trips along in his wake encumbered by a monstrous load of his accountements. I have noted that at our local courses even the most ordinary of mortals can avail themselves of a wheeled carr for this purpose.

May I, Sir, through your columns prevail upon our Open Champion to allocate a small proportion of his winnings to the purchase of such an appliance.

Yours sincerely. JOHN DOVÉ, Park Hill, Pingle Lane, Stone, Staffordshire, July 21.

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PETER TRIEVNOR



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 21: His Excellency U Hla Maung was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Union of Myanmar to the Court

His Excellency was accompa-nied by the following members of the Embassy: U Zaw Wynn (Min-ister Counsellor). U Myint Soe (Second Secretary), U Kyaw Swe Tint (Third Secretary), U Hia Kyaing (Attachė), U Than Sain (Attachė), U Ye Httm (Attachė), U Cho Win (Attachè).

Madame Hia Maung was also

eceived by Her Majesty.

Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs)
was present, and the Household
in Waiting were in amendance.
Mr Michael Gore was received
by The Open and Kissed Hands by The Queen and Kissed Hands

on his appointment as Governor of The Cayman (slands. Mrs Gore was also received by

Her Majesty. Mr Hugh Tunnell [Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Bahrain) was received by The Queen.
Mrs Tunnell was also received

by Her Majesty.
The President of Mexico visited The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh and remained to

The following were invited: His Excellency Señor Fernando Solana (Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs), His Excellency Señor Bernardo Sepúlveda (Ambassador of Mexico) and Señor Sepúlveda, His Excellency Doctor Pedro Aspe Armella (Sec-retary of State for Finance and Public Credit), Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Lady Gillmore, Sir Roger Hervey (Brit-ish Ambassador at Mexico City)

and Lady Hervey.

A Guard of Honour, found by
the Second Battalion, Coldstream Guards was mounted in the Quadrangle.

The Major-General Commanding Household Division and the Field Officer in Brigade Waiting were present. The Queen and The Duke of

Edinburgh gave an Afternoon Pany in the garden of Bucking ham Palace.
The Prince and Princess of

Wales were present.
Her Majesty's Body Guard of
the Honourable Corps of Gemie-men at Arms and The Queen's
Body Guard of the Yeoman of the

Guard were on duty. The Bands of the Coldstream

at II.40.

Today's royal

engagements

The Queen will hold an investi-

ture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will visit the East of England Show in Peterborough

The Duke of Gloucester will

artend a dinner at Hampton Court Palace at 7.30 to mark the

tercentenary year of Courts and Co. The Duke of Kent will also

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-

Chairman of the British Overseas

Trade Board, will visit the Wil-

iam Cook Steel foundry in Shel

field at 10.10; will visit the Midland Bank offices in Sheffield

at 12.05; and will open Koyo Bearings (Europe) in Barnsley at

Guards and The Royal Welch Fusillers played selections of music during the afternoon. The Rt Hon Neil Kinnock, MP was received by The Queen on the

Leader of the Opposition. Mrs Kinnock was also received

by Her Majesty.

The Duke of Edinburgh.

Patron, the British Services Everest Expedition 1992, attended a Presentation and Reception following the return of the Expedition, at Church House Conference Centre, Great Smith Street, London SWI, this

His Royal Highness. President. City and Guilds of London Institute, this evening attended a Dinner for Prince Philip Medallists at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mail, London SW1. Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis

The Duke of York this evening took the Salute at a performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Captain Rupert Maidand

Titterton was in attendance. CLARENCE HOUSE July 21: Dame Frances Camp-bell-Preston has succeeded the Lady Margaret Colville as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE July 21: The Prince of Wales this morning received the Permanent Under-Secretary of State and Head of Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service (Sir David Gillmore) at Kensingson Palace. His Royal Highness sub-sequently visited Waltham Forest Housing Action Trust at Walthamstow, London E17.

Mr Hugh Merrill was in The Prince of Wales this evening opened the "Parmham at Sotheby's" exhibition at Sotheby's 34 New Bond Street. London W1.

Miss Belinda Harley was in

KENSINGTON PALACE July 21: The Duke of Gloucester today visited the East of England Show, Peterborough, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire

(Mr James Crowden). Major Nicholas Barne was in anendance.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE July 21: The Duchess of Kent. Chancellor, today presided at Congregations for the Conferment of Degrees at the University

of Leeds.
Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was



Paul Bright, conservation officer with the Vincent Wildlife Trust, using radio tracking equipment to find the clusive dormouse

Saving the common dormouse for reality

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

A RESCUE operation for one of Britain's rarest rodents, the sleepy dormouse, was launched yesterday at the seventeenth century Tyland Barn. newly-restored headquarters of the Kent Trust for Nature Conservation. near Maidstone.

Before a gathering of local notables, David Maclean, the countryside min-ister, declared that "Her Majesty's Government is firmly on the side of the dormouse. We cannot lecture other countries on the importance of bio-diversity if we fail to protect our own endangered species."

It is a sad fact that the fantasy world of Alice in Wonderland is the only place where most children or indeed adults are likely to meet a dormouse. Certainly, the Mad Hatter and the March Hare would be hard put today to find one to stuff into their teapot.

Once widespread in Britain, the increasingly uncommon common dormouse (Muscardinus avellanarius) has gone from most northern and eastern counties. The sandy brown creature with bulging black eyes, weighing less than an ounce, survives mainly in Kent, Sussex, Hampshire,

Cornwall. Hereford and Worcester. Shropshire, Cumbria and Northamptonshire.

Even if they were plentiful, dormice would be hard to see. They are nocternal creatures and hibernate from October to May, when they are cold to the touch and unable to rouse themselves rapidly even when handled. They wake up from time to time but only for a few hours.

In the summer they spend the nights foraging for food, much of the time in the tree tops. Their favourite diet includes flowers and pollen, fruit, insects and nuts, particularly hazel-nuts. In the day they retire to nests near the ground, usually woven from grass and honeysuckle bark and



The common dormouse: not so common nowadays

the Isle of Wight, Somerset, Devon, . located in old birds' nests or holes in tree trunks.

Pat Morris, a zoologist at London University, who is in charge of the recovery project, blames the dor-mouse's decline mainly on the loss of coppiced woodland, its preferred habitat. Coppiced wood — the regrowth cut from tree stumps — was once in demand for charcoal and widely used. as fencing and roofing material on

Dr Morris said: "Coppicing creates an ideal habitat for dormice because it lets in some light, so promoting the shrubs and other plants on which dormice feed, and encourages horizontal branch growth, which enables the animals to move easily from tree to tree."

The first stage of the rescue plan. just completed, has been to place up to 50 wooden nesting boxes in each of 24 woods in southern and south-western England. These are all core sites for the surviving dormouse population and the aim is to prevent further erosion.

Next month a more ambitious experiment will be started near Ched-

Goddard

dar in Somerset. This will involve transferring two dormice from one wood to another which now has none but is suitable for them. The creatures will be fitted with collars containing ministure radio transmittera.

Paul Bright, of the Vincest Wildlife Trust, who is working with Dr Morris, said: "We will be able to track the movements of the dormice and. measure their ability to find food and nesting sites. We will also be able to recapture them from time to time to check their body weight and health.

If the relocated animals show good survivability, English Nature, the government's chief conservation agency, hopes to re-introduce both wild and captive-reared dormics to areas from which they are now

The timing of such re-introductions. Mr Bright says, will be tricky. If the animals are released in the spring they will have time to breed but food be less plentiful. If they are released in autumn, they will have abundant food but will not have time breed before going into hibernation....

Birthdays today

MP. 81: Group Captain Sir Hugh Dundas, former chairman, A memorial service for Lieutenint-General E.N. Goddard was held yesterday at Wadhurst Parish Church, East Sussex. The Rev Michael Insley officiated. Mr Christopher Goddard, son, read the lesson and Brigadier H.B.C. Wattins gave an address.

Reception

Casming House Viscount Montgomery of Ala-mein, President of the Hispanic

Memorial service

The life barony conferred upon

Dr Sir Reginald Bennett, former

Prince's Youth Business Trust, 72: Mr Jermand Engeset, Surgeon to the Queen in Scotland, 54; Miss Julia Farron, a former director. Royal Academy of Dano ing. 70; Mr Bryan Forbes, film director and producer, 56; Mr Justice Garland, 63; Mr Jimmy Hill. sports commentator, 64; General Sir Charles Huxuble, General Sir Charles Plantation 61: Mrs J.A.G. Kennedy, civil engineer, 42: Miss Bonnie Langford, actress, 28: Professor Sir Ronald Mason, chemist, 62: Mr Terence Stamp, actor, 54; Sir William Wilkinson, former chairman, Nature Conservancy Councli, 60: Mrs Diane Yeo, a charity commissioner, 47.

Lord Stewarthy

The life barony conferred upon Sir Ian Stewart has been gazened by the name, style and title of Baron Stewarthy, of Portmonk in the District of Perth and Kinross.

Forthcoming (marriages

Mr M.D. Austin and Miss A.D.C. Elwes

The engagement is announced between Matthew, only son of Mr and Mrs John Austin, of Arden House, Warwickshire, and Amanda, elder daughter of Mr Timothy Elwes, of Jubilee Place, London and Mrs Ronald Alexander, of St Andrews, Fife.

Mr N.L. Clark and Miss I.C. James The engagement is announced between Nickolas, second son of Mr and Mrs J. Clark of Eaton Bray, Bedfordshire, and Isabel only daughter of Mr and Mrs. J.W. James, of Shepshed,

Mr R.M.G. Davies

Mr R.M.G. Davies
and Miss J.E. Cope
The engagement is announced
between Richard Michael Guy
Davies, of Primrose Hill. London.
and Joanne Elizabeth, only
daughter of Mr and Mrs H.
Cope, of Fareham, Hampshire.

Mr J.M.F. Ferwick and Miss K.A. Frazer The engagement is announced between James Mark Featherstone, son of Mr and Mrs Tom stone, son or Mr and Mrs 10m Fenwick, of Wolsingham, Co Durham, and Katharine Alexandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs 1an Frazer, of Chelsea, London.

Dr R. Ferris and Dr G. Adshead Dr Rob Ferris and Dr Gwen Adshead are very pleased to announce their engagement. The wedding will take place in Adelaide, South Australia in

January 1993. Mr R.W.J. Hollingbery and Miss J.D'A. Rice The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs M.J. Hollingbery, of Bishop Burton, East Yorkshire, and Julie D'Arcy, daughter of Mr A.L.G. Rice, of Felsted, Essex and

Mrs W.E. Rice, of London. Dr J.D. Sim and Dr K.J.M. Jeffery The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of

Dr and Mrs A.V. Simmons, of Adel, Leeds, and Karie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C. Jeffery, of Ludiow, Shropshire. Mr G.W. Satherland and Miss J.A.J. Dowly

The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr B.A. Sutherland, of Alicante and Mrs B. Sutherland, of Bexhill on Sea. and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs L.F.M. Dowty, of Luffenhall,

und Mine P.M. Stafferd Charles

The engagement is announced between Captain Richard Wasson, 17th/21st Lancers, elder son of Major and Mrs David Watson, Castle Cary, Somerser, and Phicia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Stafford Charles, Longformacus House,

Berwickshire. Mr M.R. Yeeles and Miss L.A. Sheppard
The engagement is armounced between Michael, son of the late
Mr J.H. Yeeles and of Mrs F.W. Yeeles, of St Ives, Cambridge, and Lucy Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.J. Sheppard, of Witham,

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Dinners

HM Government The Hon Douglas Hurd, Sec-retary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs Hurd, held a dinner yesterday at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in bonour of Lord and

Lady Wilson of Tillyorn. 1912 Clab Mr. Peter Lilley, MP. was the guest of honour at a dinner of the 1912 Club held yesterday at the House of Commons, by invitation of Mr Roger E. Sims, MP, chairman of the club. Dr Ian R.

Telephone 071 481 4000

The Lord your God is in your midst. a warrior who will keep you safe. He will reloice over you and be glad. In will show you his love once more. Zephaniah 3:17

RINTHS

ALLWORK - On Juty 14th, to Suste unde Parkinsoni and Matthew, a daughter. Natasha Tamara. Astrill Jawim - On Juty 18th, to Edwina under Garton-Jonesi and Henry. a son. Jack George.

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Thomas's Hospital. to Susan the Arthur) and Kenneth, a daughter.

Grare, a sister for Alexandra and Nicholas. Dec Gratias. GIBSON - On July 15th at Greenwich Hospital

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HENLEY - On July 16th 1992.

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LAZELL - On July 18th. to
Belinda thee Beck) and
Sebastian. a son, Hamish
William, a brother for
Freddie

KNUSSER - On July 16th in Hong Kong. to Philippa (nee Rawson) and Philip. a daughter Phoebe

PHILLIPS - On July 19th 1992, to Claire (nice de Villoutreys) and Malcolm, a daughter, Cassandra.

Hastings, New Zealand.

1926-30, 1935-48, Kingsmere, Quebec, 1950: Carl Sandburg, poet and biographer, Flat Rock, North Carolina, 1967.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Anthony Ashley Cooper, ist Earl of Shaftesbury. statesman, Wimborne St Giles, Dorset, 1621; Gregor Mendel, pioneer of the study of heredity. Heizendorf, Austria, 1822: Frederick William Rolfe (self-styled Baron Corvo), writer, 1860; Stephen Vincent Benet, poet, Berhieham, Pennsylvania, 1898. DEATHS: Catherine Philips. poet, London, 1664: George Shaw, naturalist, London, 1813: Joseph Piazzi, astronomer, Pa-iermo, 1826; Wilson Barrett, actor-manager, London, 1904: Florenz Ziegfeld, theatrical pro-ducer, Hollywood, 1932; John Dillinger, public enemy, shot dead by FBI officers, Chicago, 1934; Mackenzie King, prime minister of Canada 1921-26,

Northern Ireland.

Appointments

ments include: Miss Sophia Lambert to be promoted to Under Secretary in the Department of Transport in Sentember as Head of the Road and Vehicle Safety Directorate. Mrs Jane Corr to be a member of the Standing Advisory Com-mission on Human Rights.

Legal

Mr Peter William Compart and Mr David Christopher Morton to be circuit judges, assigned to the Northern Circuit and the Wales

Breakfast

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, presided yesterday at a breakfast given by Her Majesty's Govern-ment at Lancaster House in honour of the President of

Nelson, of Troutbeck, Cumbria and Mrs Peter Buxtorf, of Warrrave, Berkshire

Marriages

Dr A.M. Cobb and Professor J.I. Brooking The marriage took place on Saurday, July 18, at St Francis Hall, University of Birmingham, between Dr Andrew Cobb, son of Mr and Mrs Frederick Cobb, of Sutton Coldfield, and Professor Julia Brooking, daughter of Mr and Mrs Maurice McBride, of Fleet. The Rev Dr Keith Albans officiated.

The bride was attended by

Sarah and Alexandra Cobb and Alexandra McBride, Mr David Cobb was best man.

A reception was held at Winterbourne Gardens and the honeymoon is in Jamaica. Mr R.M.L. Stration

and Miss L.C. Nelson The marriage took place on Saturday at St Michael's, Bray, of Mr Richard Mark Stratton, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Vertion Stratton, of St

marriage by her father, was attended by Katie and Amy Heath, Lucy, Jessica and Georgina Stratton and Hughie Jessel and Fred Raben. Mr Bernard Dreesman was best

The bride, who was given in

A reception was held at Monkey island and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr A.J. von der Heyde and Miss S.P.C. Powell-Shedden The marriage took place on Saturday at St Many's Church, Hardmead, of Mr Alexander von der Heyde, son of Mr and Mrs Helmut von der Heyde, of Wistorough Green, Sussex, to Miss Serena Powell-Shedden, daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Powell-Shedden, of Hardmead, Helens Station, Isle of Wight, to Buckinghams
Miss Lisa Caroline Nelson,
younger daughter of Mr Robert bride's home. Buckinghamshire. A reception was held at the

and Luso Brazilian Council, was host yesterday at a reception held at Canning House in honour of the President of Mexico.

Lord Geraint

Mr Geraint Wyn Howels has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Geraint, of Ponterwyd in the County of

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McKinley also spoke

BURTHS

Caroline inee Nicholson and John, a daughler, Alisa Lily, a lovely sister for Jimmy. Jack and Rupert. GRAHAM - On July 19th 1992. al Si Margaret's Hospital, Sydney, 10 Emmainee Carvin) and Hugh, a daughter. Georgia Kalhani, a sister for Ivo.

lo Anne (née Hardie) and Mark, a son Charles William. a brother for Isobel

LOVERIDGE - On July 16th, MURRAY - On July 16th, to Amanda chée Mitchell) and Nigel, a daughter (Sophie Louise)

NEWITT - On July 20th, (a Surah ince Burnham) and

Northumbertand, surrounded by love and care. Much loved widow of Ninian Shuari Bannatine and beloved mother of Jilly Guest, Privale cremation in Northumbertand, Burisi 12 noon Thursday July 30th at St. Peter's Church, Cranbourne, Windsor, Berks, Flowers to M. Berry, Cranbourne, Windsor Forest, Rortos St. 4 2512 (G344) Cranbourne, Windsor Forest, Berks, SLA 2EU (0344) 882258

BROWN - On July 18th, suddently. Claude Read, beloved husband of Juliette, father of Otivia and brother to Liza and Cally, Will be so sorely missed Quiet funeral on Friday July 24th, Memorial Service at St Mary's Church, Farnham Royal, Bucks, at \$1 am on August 27th 1992.

COLBATCH-CLARK - On July 18th at The Weir Nurs-PULLINGER - On July 17th to Henricita (née Corfield and Anthony, à daughter isla Charlotte Felicity. Cabrielle (née Kooy-Lister) and Anthony, a son, Edmund William Laurier. TINDLEY - On July 17th, to Lucy inde Richardsi and James, a daughter.

WESTON - On July 19th to Jersey, to Michael and Sarah. & daughter. Flants Titiany Star. a sister for Otiver. MARRIAGES

LABAUVE DEATHS

Home. Northumberland,

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BIANCO - On July 16th, peacefully. Lionel Victor Blanco K.C.H.S., F.C.S.D., aged 83. Beloved husband of Elleen, dearty loved father of Vaterie and David. Funeral at St James's Church. Popes Crove. Twickenham, at 2.45pm on Friday July 24th. Flowers to Fredk. W. Palne, Funeral Directors at 31 Church Street. Twickenham, or donations if desired to The Princess Alice Hospice. Esher. Memorial Service in London to be announced later.

GROWN - On July 17th, suddenly at home. Leon. aged 72. beloved father of Jonathan Sadly missed by all his friends and rolleague. Cremation at Hoop Lane Crematorium. Golders. Green. NW11. on Friday July 24th at 3.20 pm if desired donations to charits of choice.

DENNING - On July 19th 1992, peacefully at borne. Elieen Violet. O.B.E. aged 91 years. Widow of Li-Cern Sir Reginated Denning K.C.V.Q. years. Widow of LL-Cen Sir Reginald Denning K.C.V.O. K.B.E. C.B. Much lon-ed mother of Jack. David and Diana. grandmother of Tony, Rosie, James. Guy. Fudgle and Venetia and great-mother of Catharturand Tom Funeral Service at Si Laurence Church. Hawkhurst, on Tuesday July 28th at 3 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the Kent and Sussex Aid to Poland Fund, c/o C. Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Burwash, E. Sx., tel: 10435) 882219.

COLBATCH-CLARK - On July 18th at The Weir Nursing Home, Herefordshire, Lestie Colbatch-Clark F.C.A. In his 90th year Formerly of
Stighton, Funeral Service on
Tuenday July 28th at St.
Lawrence's Church, Canon
Pyon, at 11 am followed by
private Crienallon, Familie.

flowers only.

COLLIS - On July 15th 1992, aged 85 years, at Wray Common Nursing Home. Religate. Altred James Collis. formerly of Holloway Sanitorium. Virginia Waler. Much loved husband of the late Kathleen Collis, and father of Keith. Diana and father of Keith. Diana and father of Keith. Diana and father of seven grandfather of seven grandfather of seven grandfather. Funeral Service at Wolung Crematorium at 11 am on July 23rd Flowers to be sent to Wolung Funeral Services. 119-121 Goldsworth Road, Woling. Surrey by 10 afa. let: O488- T72266.

DEATHS EAGLES - On July 21st. at 5]
Martins Hospital. Bath. Dr.
John Eagles aged 84 years.
dear husband of Marriery
Puneral Service 2 pm on
Friday July 24th at Orsham
Parish Church. No flowers
by request, but donations if
desired for 58 Bartholomews
Church. Corsham & St
Johns Ambalance. EVERSHED - On July 16th

EVERSHIND - On July 16th 1992. Frank. Cromwell 1992. Frank. Cromwell 1992. Frank of 85 years, formerly of Holls-Royce Cars Ltd. Service at St. Peter's Church. Broadslairs, Kent. on Friday July 24th at 10am. Family flowers only please, but donations if destred to Thanel Hospice Protect c/o. H. Noble Funeral Directors, St. Peter's. Broadslairs, Kent. 1et 10843: 862503. FELLOWES - On July 19th, peacefully in Zhubabwe, Easpeth (Belly, née Siessort aged 89 Creatly loved by all her family and friends.

MERRIES - On Saturday June 27th 1992, very studenty, while hittwalking on the Aonach Eagach Ridge in Glenco Dr. Gilbert Herries C.ENG.F I MECH.E. C.ENG.F. I MECH.E. Managing Director of Obliab Group Limited and visiting Professor at Abertheen University. much loved husband of Elizabeth and devoted failber of Enting. Andrew and Roddy

HOLMES - On fully (6th, Janet Mary Wakefield thee Hayler), peacefully at home in Ampolia, Spain Memorial Service to be held later fills year in London.

HORME - On July 20th. Frederick Samuel Elbourne. peacefully at St Savieurs, befored husband of Georgiana. (ather of Georgiand for late Rosamund, grandfather of Warwick, Calherine and Louise, Funeral July 27th at 2.30 pm at St Mars: Westwell. Family flowers only. JAMES - On July 20th,
Martin, aged 78. Hushsind,
father, grandfather, Psycho-and Gardener,
peccefully at Trebetherick,
Cornwall, Family funeral at
St Minner Church, Priday
juty 24th 2.30 pm, Memorial
Service to London Injer.

DEATHS LUDDINGTON - On July 19th 1992, white dh holiday onDartmoor. Peter William John. dearly loved and loving husband of Navysret. devoted and proud father of Sarah and Richard. (atherin-law of David and Judy, Peter. Scholar of Brasenose College. Oxford, was an effectively partner of Grant and Cutter Lid. Funeral Service at Si Peter's Church, Petersham. Richmond. POCKREY - On July 20th, peacefully, Bussiy, widow of Honald and much loved mother of Petritys and Prudy. Funeral Service at St. Andrew's Church, Northanby. Ribymooraide. York. at 11.30 am on Thirsday July 23rd. 20rd.
PROUSD - On July 17th,
peacefully at Walcot Hall
Nursion Horne, Diss, Norfolk,
Norah Namette Hietty, eldest
daugniter of the Jale Mr and
Mrs Chartes Winton Proud of
Whetslone, and only sister of Petersham, Richmond. Friday July 24th at 2.45 pm followed by private cremation. Donations, if desired, to the British Heart Whetsione, and only sister of Felicity Capes of Bedingfield.

MONTIMER - On July 19th, peacetusly at home after a short illness, John, of Great Bootham. Instead of Margarel, father of Sarah and Fiona, brother of Christine Service at St Nicolas Church, Great Bootham, on Monday Johy 27th at 10.15 am Fam 27th at 10.15 am ramply flowers only please, dona-tions if desired to LCEP, or a cancer charity of your rhoice to L. Hawkins & Sons Lid. 2 Highlands Road. Leatherhead, Surrey

PATON - On July 18th 1992.
Carron David Macdonald Paton, aged 78, peacefully in a nursing home. Husbond of Alison, nèe Siewart, Former Rector of Si Mary de Crypt. Goucester, Honorary Canon of Canterbury and Missionary in China, Funeral 1, 30 pm, Friday July 24th, St Michael's Church, St Albans Service of St Affichaet's Church, St Albans Service of Thanksgiving is Clicucester. 2 pm, Thursday October 29th 1992, St Mars de Crypt Church, Southgate St., Gloutester, No flowers, please doughtons to The Amity Foundation, a trust which promotes Confolian social work in China. c/o Rev. Bob While. The Vicarage Breisland Rd., Rusthall, Tumbridge Wells, TN4 SPB.

PERMAN - On July 17th, suddenly at home. Joan Penntan, beloved motiver of Anthen. Charles and Sevena. Funeral at Oxford Crensatorium. Bayswaler Road. Headington, at 2 pm on July 28th.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS DEATHS

> SMITH - On July 17th 1992 SMITH - On July 17th 1992, peacefully at home. Mavis steloise Napier Smith, dearly loved wife of the tate Kenneth (WKH) Smith, also much loved mother of Peter and Vanetsa and grandmother of Heury and Amanda. Will be sadly indued by her family and matry friends. Funeral service at Farnham Parish Church on Friday July 24th at 3.15 pm. Family flowers only, but donallons to the Ada Cole Memorial Stables. Broadlends, Broadley Com-Ada Cole Mecrorial Stables. Broadlands, Broadlay Common, nr. Nazelog, Waltham Abbey. Essex EN9 2DH.
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> STOKES - On Sunday July 19th 1992. A. Harriey (Steve) of Hunton Way, Great Shelford, peacefully at home, aged 90 years. Funeral at St. Andrew's Church. Staptetord. on Monday July 27th at 1 pm. followed by interment at Upshire. Family flowers only. donations. If wished, for The Magog Trust, may be sent c/o H.J. Paintin Lid. Funeral Directors. 43 High Street. Linion, Cambridge CBI 6HS.
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RICE - On July 21st, peacefully at home, Brita, darling wife of Noel, loving mother of Andrew, Karin mother of Andrew, Karin and David and grandmother of Kate. Funeral Service at St. John's Crurch. Heroengale, du July 24th at 12 monn followed by cremation at Chiliteris Crematorium. Amersham. Family flowers unly. but. If destred, donations to Michael Sobel House or Ciristian Aid c/o James Peddle Ltd. 66 High Street. Rickmansworth. Herts., let. (1992) 772015. ROMEAUT - On July 20th 1992, at Gleneagles Hospital. Singapore, Ethas, widow of Oscar Rombast, dearly level mother of Ned and Peter and Abuella to Peter, Parick, and Seather, Hugalim, Mass at St. Ignalius Church. Singapore

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WETHERELL-PEPPER In loving memory of Colin Wetherell-Pepper 14/20th King's Hussars. From his

SCCLES - Jason Mirhaet on July 22nd 1990, aged 21. years. Always in our thoughis God blass you darting. Murphy. David.

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PERSONAL APPEARS IN LIFE & TIMES SECTION - PAGE 11

Answers from page 16 PROBOSCIDATE

(a) Equipped with a long nose used for grasping, functioning or shaped fike an elephant's trunk or proboscis. Vladhnir Nabokov. Transparent Things: "Little Armande in her bath, pressing a proboscidate rabber toy to her shiny stomach." FOMA (c) Harmless untruths, coined by Vonnegat as harmless untruths in his epigraph to Car's Cradlet "Nothing in this book is true. Live by the foma that makes you brave and kind and healthy and happy."

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WOMPSTER (b) Someone who thumps or pounds something usually a hible or other sacred or hellich theme, for the purpose of petrifying little old fadies into giving him their money. "Those bible througing womptiers of the American South had for so long impunitively barked reason, honesty and truth." reason, honesty and truth."

OBITUARY

John Bratby, RA, painter and author, collapsed and died outside his home in Hastings on July 20 aged 64. He was born in Wimbledon on July 19, 1928.

DURING the middle and late 1950s ohn Brathy was the most public of iritish artists. His first one-man ntimacies of family living, from ornflakes and chaos on the kitchen able through every room in the louse including the smallest — won ligh praise from the critics. The lazing colour and sculptural quality if his oils were his trade-mark and is belligerent individuality - which ncluded letters fired off to the press associated him with the Angry oung Men of the John Osborne eneration. He was one of the first nedia stars of the art world and his vork soon hung in the Tate, the 'ictoria and Albert and the Museum

f Modern Art in New York. In 1967 he began painting por-raits of the lamous. More than a housand sitters, ranging from the gueen Mother to Sir Alec Guinness nd Paul McCartney, subjected hemselves to his highly individual ortrait technique — which the surnalist Jean Rook said was like eing hit by a truck

But Bratby paintings which were sailed in the 1950s as brilliant xamples of a new genre were by this me being ignored, derided or ismissed as crude and uninteresting w the arts establishment. Only in last w years has his star again been in ne ascendant. Last year a retrospecwe of his work was staged at the lational Portrait Gallery, only the scond held there of a living artist, nd there were shows of his work at ne Albemarie and Mayor galleries. tratby's paintings for the film of tyce Cary's novel The Horse's douth in 1958, painted ostensibly y its Bohemian tramp-artist, Gulley imson, added its fictional confusions) Bratby's persona. With his bushy hite beard he sometimes appeared be acting out Jimson in real life, to ne delight of journalists. This obarred his acutely sensitive and

itelligent nature. John Randall Bratby's grandfa-ter had been artistically inclined, and John was much stimulated by his tt teacher at Tiffin Boys' School in ingston, Harold Watts. He studied Kingston School of Art from 1949 1950 and — having applied to her the Slade but changing his nind - at the Royal College of Art om 1951 to 1954, where he won e Abbey Minor Scholarship, an alian government scholarship, and Royal College minor travelling holarship. A sensitive student hid-

g behind a combative smokereen, he subsequently claimed that e ignored his teachers at the RCA; owever, he was remembered by 1em as the most outstanding raughtsman among the students for rany years and as an explosive ainter. On his last day at college he nocked on the door of a surprised lepartment head to ask how to make noney out of painting to pay for the recessities of life — wife and children. vouse and car.

At this time, when Expressionism vas still far from general British asie, even in the art world, Brathy vas interested in the art of Van Jogh, Munch, Kokoschka and the Jerman Expressionists. Yet in the ame year, 1954, he left college that te had his first one-man show, of 26 paintings, at Helen Lessore's Beaux Arts gallery. This created a major impression on the critics of the day. The Times critic assessed Brathy's moact by saying that, standing in ront of his work, one could imagine what it would have been like to be confronted with a Van Gogh for the irst time, in the early years of this tentury". David Sylvester linked him with the other young painters shown

JOHN BRATBY



John Bratby with a portrait of the Queen Mother, which was one of the six he painted of her

at the Beaux Arts - Jack Smith, Derrick Greaves and Edward Middleditch — and coined the term, to be much used in the future, "The Kitchen-Sink School". John Russell recalled Sicker's decree, "plain living and thick painting", and saw it as modified Expressionism. Another critic said that Bratby painted as if he wanted to imprint every scene on his

John Berger, the most influential left-wing critic of the time, who believed in art as a tool of social progress, was initially impressed. whilst observing that such painting would lead either to "blind incoherence or profound discoveries". Bratby's apparent lack of visual discrimination disturbed some critics; and Başti Taylor said that he "treated paint and colour like a carpet-bedding gardener". Another followed this up by calling it "a rush across a garden in hobnail boots".

Bratby's output of paintings — in oil on hardboard and mostly large was phenomenal and remained so. He soon left the critics visually exhaused. "As monotonously stunning as fireworks explosions on Bastille Day", was a typical verdict of the time. John Berger, who had probably hoped for a social realist painter to match Guttuso or Peter de Francia, wrote off Bratby in his book of memoirs, Permanent Red, as having ruined himself, producing

uninspired work. However, Bratby was accepted for exhibition in the Royal Academy Summer Show from 1955, and in 1956 was exhibited at the British Pavilion at the Venice Biennale in company with other Kitchen-Sink painters and alongside the main exhibits of Lynn Chadwick and Ivon Hinchens. The Beaux Arts painters were seen as related internationally to the Italian social realists and and to the French realists as shown by

Quentin Bell at the Tate Gallery in 1955 - Buffet, Minaux. Rapp and

Brathy himself, whilst rejecting the Kitchen-Sink appellation, considered himself a new realist who "painted the environment, with no social criticism". He reckoned that the Beaux Arts painters (who also included Bacon, Freud, and Bomberg's pupils, Auerbach and Kossoff, at the time) caught the mood of the decade 1950-60, with its threat of nuclear holocaust.

But Brathy found the Beaux Arts "a dry and unhappy place". After winning the Guggenheim Award for painting in Britain in 1956 and again, with Ben Nicholson, in 1958, and also the John Moores Junior Painting Prize in 1957, he moved his one-man shows to the Zwemmer Gallery for a number of years. Later he went to the Thackeray and Furneaux galleries.

Brativ's fame spread - if in rather distorted fashion - when in 1957-8, Knightsbridge Films embarked on an adaptation of the novel The Horse's Mouth, with its anti-hero (played by Alec Guinness), Gulley Jimson, a Bohemian tramp-artist loosely based on the characters of Gerald Wilde and Stanley Spencer. John Bratby was finally chosen to provide the paintings.

Alec Guinness played the character as a failed artist, but the quality of the paintings provided an artistic success. Bratby went through a rather misanthropic period subsequently, and his paintings tended to have a close enough identification with Gulley Jimson to stimulate and confuse the public appreciation of his own dersona.

Bratby's brilliant draughtsmanship enabled him to present anything in front of him from cornflake packets, beer bottles, and all the flotsam and jetsam of the

kitchen, to perspective views all around the studio, including windows, mirrors and even the painter himself. Then he embarked on series. There were sunflowers, "for their generosity, regality, strength and vigour"; his new snooker table; stuffed animal heads; obsessive portraits of Brigitte Bardot; and, constantly, his family and friends in groups. Less brilliant was the painting: if the drawing was realist, the paint - sometimes applied direct from the tube like toothpaste and giving rise to the jibe "Tubism" often simply followed the lines of the drawing, or made tessellated infills of such details as window-panes. There was seldom tonal painting to match the realism, and it was nearer to Fauvist colour than to Expressionist. This set up a visual and mental disturbance for the viewer, acting

rather than enhancing them. Bratby's critics decried his work as superficial, loosely put together in improvisational style and garishly coloured. To those who know only his paintings the drawings come as a revelation; and there are some sensitive watercolours also.

against the bracing joys of reality

However, with Brathy's move to outdoor paintings of boats from 1964, and his love affair with Venice, which took him back there more and more frequently and for longer periods, his touch with oils refined. Indeed, in later years he was able to complete more than 1,000 portraits (mostly at his own invitation) in fourhour sittings apiece in his house at Hastings, with its 20 rooms stacked

with paintings.
In 1960 when American Abstract Expressionism eclipsed the unique vigour of Bratby's paintings he took to novel-writing - with considerable intelligence, sensitivity and autobiographical recall (though curiously few mentions of colour). However,

the narrator figure tended to intrude too much.The first, Breakdown (1960), forecast Brathy's own breakdown of 1972, he claimed. The same could be said of Break-Pedal Down (1962): he later smashed his car into wall. Breakfast and Elevenses (1961), with its vividly-recalled stuffy family life and agonies of adolescence around 1939, was dedicated to the theme that "the best Englishmen are twisted, for psychiatric cases are", and suggested boldly in its jacket blurb that Freud would have benefited by reading it. These were followed in 1963 by Break 50 Kill.

Bratby was a combative correspondent - writing to The Times against Royal Academicians on one occasion, or in favour of the Academy on another, or about the injustices of income tax and VAT to practising artists. In 1990 he attempted to claim £2,000 against the cost of two eye operations on the grounds that the eyes are a painter's instruments of trade and livelihood.

His writing ability was channelled from 1988 into the revival of the magazine Art Quarterly; the first issue was devoted to Venice, the second in 1989 to Paris, with contributions from a wide range of painters and others - John Ward, Bernard Dunstan, Michael Foot, Lord Longford, Michael Winner. Bratby had provided paintings for the film Mistral's Daughter in 1984.

John Bratby was elected Associate of the Royal Academy in 1959 but refused full Academician status when offered in 1968; however, he accepted it in 1971.

in 1953 he married Jean Cooke the painter; they had three sons and one daughter. In 1977, after a divorce, he married the actress Patti Prime, whom he had met in 1974 through the Lonely Hearts column in Time Out magazine - as he. typically, made public.

APPRECIATIONS

Sir Basil **Smallpeice**

THE obituary of Sir Basil Smallpeice (July 13) states that "He saw the QE2 into operation." This skirts over a most important and perhaps typical piece of decision making by Sir Basil. The interior design of the QE2 had been delegated to

Lady Brocklebank, the Cunard Chairman's wife. The Board of Trade was deeply concerned about this and re-ferred the matter to the Council of Industrial Design, as the Design Council was then called. As chairman of that body. I journeyed to Liverpool to argue that the design should be in the hands of professional designers and not interior decorators, but totally failed in my mission. Soon fleenwards Reell Smallbeits afterwards Basil Smallpeice became chairman of Cunard and one of his first acts was to come to the Design Centre to



both the exterior and the interior design of the QE2 was placed in the hands of top professional designers, so that, when launched, she represented the best of British modern design rather than the threatened pastiche.

Sir Duncan Oppenheim

James Crespi

ALTHOUGH we never me in Court, and rarely outside it during our professional lives, I have the warmest recollection of James Crespi (obituary, July

Never having been at the school in London we were both "pseudo-evacuees" at the City of London School when Mariborough College was giving it generous and (it was thought) charitable hospitality during the war. We were divided by Form rather than by House, but sharing a somewhat portly build (I was quite sylph-like in comparison) and a love of music we became good friends.

From him I learnt the distinction between the adjectives "Lombard" and "Italian", and I shall never forget a conversation we had when walking in the rose garden. I suppose we must have been 14 years old at the time.

He enquired what news-

paper I read. I regretted to say that I read none. Without any trace of pomposity, but with great dignity, he delivered his reprimand: "Smivvis!" — it sounded almost like that — "I always read The Times, it is the only paper that publishes a proper Law Report."

His Honour Kenneth

Lord Kearton

YOUR thoughtful obituary of Lord Kearton (July 6) indeed paid tribute to the many and varied achievements of a truly remarkable man. Very rarely are the heights of technical excellence, commerical and financial acumen and practical vision combined in one human being and brought to

reality by a man of action. There is, however, one very special quality to which I

would add my testimony. C. F. K., as he was affection-tely known within ately Courtaulds, was a supreme leader of men. There are few men, who can not only bring out the best in men and women under their control, but bring out qualities and resources of which they themselves are unaware. His passing will be mourned by the many people.

Charles Spinks

MAY I correct a statement made in the obituary of Charles Spinks (June 26)? Charles Spinks was a student at the London Academy of Music, (not the College) whose principal was Dr Yorke-Trotter. While there he was also taught by my mother, Gladys Puttick

When he went to Trinity

College of Music as a senior student in the early 1930s, he persuaded the College authorities to ask my mother to teach creative musicianship there, and soon after her appointment. Charles Spinks. whom she readily recognised as an outstanding musician

and future teacher, became

part of her teaching team.

Ordinary means of advertising

Captain Bennett, the pilot, and the wireless operator, Mr Coster, looked tired but happy

as they stepped ashore at the airport. "We had little or no sleep," Captain Bennett told

the reporters, who crowded

round them on the float, but

added that, though the trip was

rough in places, for a while he had used the automatic pilot.

such wares.

Anne Cassal

1938

July 22 ON THIS DAY

newsboys displaying contents bills - a custom new to New York, where justy jungs are the

Major Robert Mayo (1890-Major Robert Mayo (1894-1957) was the designer of this remarkable composite aircraft. Mercury, the float seaplane, was borne on the back of the flying boat, Maia: at a given height, Mercury was released and went on with

released and went on with enough fuel for several thousand miles. Mercury was flown by Air Vice-Marshal D.C.T. Bennett, remembered for the creation of the Pathfinder Force in the Second World War.

RECORD ATLANTIC FLIGHT

The British "pick-a-back" sea-plane Mercury alighted on the St Lawrence River at Boucherville, near Montreal, yesterday after making the shortest east to-west crossing of the North Atlantic on record. She immediately flew on to New York, which she reached two hours later, and yesterday, both in Montreal and New York, the previous day's copies of The Times which she carried were on sale. From Our Own

NEW YORK — The seaplane Mercury, completing the sec-ond and last tap of her flight here from Foynes, came down on Manhasset Bay at Port Washington, Long Island, at 4.8 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, two hours and nine minutes after leaving Montreal, 330 miles away. She was moored to a buoy until Customs officers could board her. and afterwards taxled to a pier. Her cargo of news reels of the Royal visit to Paris, and several hundred copies of The Times and other London newspapers of yesterday were cleared by the Customs in a hangar at the airport and then rushed to New York, an hour's journey

by motor-car, where the news-

papers were put on sale at

prices ranging from 50 cents (2s.) to one dollar each by

They had encountered rain and light head winds crossing the Adantic. Blasé Times Square was not greatly excited this evening when the newsboys cried "Here y'are, yesterday's
London papers." In the first
hour of the sales only one copy
was disposed of. The contents
bills read "Picture and Story — King and Queen - State Visit to France," but for some reason they were inadequately displayed. Copies of the papers are being given to officials, including the President and

OTTAWA, JULY 21 The Mercury arrived ar the airport at Boucherville, near Montreal, at 12,20 p.m. East-ern Daylight Time, with 80 gallons left in her tanks. After refuelling she took off for New York at 2 p.m.

the Mayor of New York, and to

New York publishers.

The seaplane's arrival was cheered by crowds assembled on the wharf. Part of her cargo of British newspapers, news reels, and photographs was placed in cars and rushed to

MONTREAL, JULY 21 — The Mercury passed over Cape Baulewn, the northern-most point of Newfoundland, 13 hours and 29 minutes after parting from the Maia, the lower component of the Short-Mayo composite aircraft, off average speed over the Atlantic was just under 150 miles an hour. Her time for the flight from Foynes to Montreal was a little over 20 hours.

University news

Appointments Professor Paul Mosley has been appointed to the professorship of economics from January 1. Since 1986 he has been profi development economics and policy, and director of the Institute of Development Policy and Management, University of Manchesser.

Personal title of professor, from

Dr P A Allum (Reader in Politics) Professor of Italian Politics. Dr B L Atkin (Senior Lecturer in Construction Management and Engineering - Professor of Construction Management and Mr Z Baranski (Senior Lecturer in Italian Studies) - Professor of

Dr C R Chaplin /Senior Lecturer in Engineering) - Professor of Dr A Gilbert (Reader in Chem-

istry) - Professor of Mr K D Patterson (Reader in Economics) - Professor of

Dr R M Sibly (Reader in Pure and Applied Zooology) - Professor of Behavioural Ecology. Personal ride of reader, on Octo-

Dr B C B Arnold (Lecturer in History) - Reader in Medieval History: Dr R H Ellis (Lecturer in Agriculture) - Reader in Crop Physiology: Dr P John (Lecturer in Agricultural Botany) - Reader in Plant Science: Dr G R Mitchell (Lecturer in Physics) - Reader in Polymer Physics; Mr R D Pearce (Senior Research Fellow in Economics) - Render in International Business: Dr K C Postlethwaite (Lecturer in Science and the second s

and Technology Education) - Reader in Education; Dr K Pye (Lecturer in the Postgraduate Research Institute for Sedi-Research Institute for Sectimentology: Peader in Sedimentology: Dr C G Thirde (Lecturer in Agricultural Economics and Management) - Reader in Agricultural Economics: Dr P A J Waddington (Lecturer in Sociology) - Reader in Police Studies Police Studies.

The following lecturers has been promoted to senior lecturer with effect from October 1:

effect from October 1:

Mr A K Bate (Classics); Dr J D
Burton (Engineering); Miss V A
Gibson (Land Management and
Development); Dr D Hallam
(Agricultural Economics and
Management); Dr M A Lomax
(Physiology & Biochemistry); Dr
A R McCaffery (Pure and Applied
Zoology); Mrs S E Murdoch
(Law); Dr B Richards (Arts and
Humanities in Education); Mr M
J Stabler (Economics); Dr N H
Waites (French Studies); Dr S A Waires (French Studies); Dr S A Williams (Computer Science.

Manchester Title of professor emeritus: Professor P J Holloway, Professor of Child Dental Health; and Profes sor D J Palmer, Professor of English Literature.

Appointments to chairs: Roger John Ling, MA. PhD (Cambridge). Reader in the History of Art, to be Professor of Classical Art and Archaeology in the Department of History of Art

from August 1. Cambridge), Lenurer (and Se-nior Lecturer-elect) in Quantitative Methods, to be Professor of Quantitative Methods, in the Departments of Sociology and Econometrics and Social Statistics, from August 1.

Professors of law, from August 1: Rodney John Brazier, LLB (Southampton), Reader in Constitutional Law; Martin Wasik, LLB (Manchester), MA (Keele), Reader in Law.

Lecturers
Accounting and Finance: N L
Joseph; Education in Gender in
Development: Rose N Ayuru: Special Education (International): J A N N Kisanji: Nursing Susan M Davies Psychiatry: Elspeth A Guthrie, Medical Microbiology: J S Soothill; Health Education: A C Whitelaw; Oral Surgery: Paul Coulthard: Oral and Maxillo-facial: B T

Arthritis and Rheumarism Council: £318,960 for UK nationa repository for storage of family study material, Dr A Silman.

Cancer Research Campaign: £187,254, improving the psychological care of cancer patients, Dr G P Maguire and Dr P Hop-wood; £286,198, education and child studies research group. Dr Anne Charlton

Medical Research Council: £155,647, isolation of a protein complex required for the fusion of endocytic vesicles, Dr P G

Science and Engineering Research Council: advanced fellowship, Professor A Donnachie, £126,185; an intelligent system for converting scanned documents to symbolic form, Professor C S Xydeas and Dr J P Oakley, £95,272; genetic manipulation of energy metabolism in mamma-lian cells, Dr K M Brindle and Dr A M Fulton, £90,795.

Sale helps cancer trust

By JOHN SHAW A HARLEY Street specialist's

pictures benefited a cancer trust named after him when they sold for £22,000 at Phillips in London yesterday. Ronald Raven, the cancer surgeon, lived and worked in Harley Street before his death at the age of 87 last October. The contents of his five-storey house, expected to make

£250,000, sold for £398,502. Mr Raven trained and became a registrar at St Bartholomew's Hospital and was subsequently a consultant at the Westminster and Royal Marsden Hospitals for 34 years. He was chairman and then president of the Marie Curie Foundation for 40

The proceeds from two of his best pictures, River Scenes of Westminster, attributed to William James, the eighteenth century artist, will go to the Ronald Raven Trust. They were bought by a private English collector just above the £20,000 high estimate, bidding against the London trade.

It was the firm's last house contents sale of the season and the last major auction taken by Christopher Hawkings, deputy chairman of Phillips. He started with the firm in 1957 and his retirement will mark the end of a family connection going back five generations.

Archaeology

Importance of the earnest volunteer

BY NORMAN HAMMOND. ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

unteers to take part in excavations have "dramatically declined" this year, according to the editor of a leading archaeological magazine. "Archaeology has become professionalised over the past

ionalised, and as a result opportunities are drying up." says Andrew Selkirk of Current Archaeology. 'Almost every day we have a telephone call with the same request: where can I go on a dig?" he says. Even students

about to begin university

courses in archaeology are

finding it hard to get practi-

decade, perhaps overprofess-

cal experience. Mr Selkirk believes that the recession, and the resulting lack of new building con-

struction, is a prime reason for the decline in digs. Developer funding has become increasingly important, and over the past few years hundreds of professional archaeologists have lost their jobs as times before beginning new

building projects. bodies such as English Heri- Square, London WC1H OPY.

OPPORTUNITIES for vol- tage should take the lead by giving excavation grants only to excavations that will include volunteers. "The future of archaeology depends on having a younger generation,

and that younger generation is not being served," he says.

"There are vast numbers of people in all walks of life who acquired an affection for archaeology in the 1960s and 1970s. If we allow this input to lapse, then in twenty or thirty years' time a generation which has experienced the thrill of digging up the past will have ceased to exist".

Opportunities are better abroad than in Britain, he says, but a number of archaeological units have said that they will accept volunteers for digging, dealing with excavated objects, and other activities: the latest issue of Current Archaeology gives a list of those in Britain, while a guide to excavations abroad is published separately.

developers wait for better Sources: Current Archaeology 129 (9 Nassington Rd., London NW3 2TX). Archae-Mr Selkirk believes that ology Abroad, 31-34 Gordon

Four hours of tests next spring for 11-year-olds

By John O'Leary, Education correspondent

THE first national curriculum assessment for 11-yearolds will begin next spring with more than four hours of written tests in English. mathematics and science, it was announced yesterday.

John Patten, the education secretary, said the tests would be modelled on those taken last month by 14-year-olds. Most pupils are expected to take pilot tests next May, although assessment will not

be compulsory until 1994.

The education department emphasised that the tests would bear no relation to the 11-plus. They would not be designed for selection pur-

Tories deny 'smears'

Continued from page ! cabinet trying to drop Paddy Ashdown in it even further." Privacy legislation was "a doak to stop newspapers revealing to voters what the real intentions are of the rich and

famous".

Press Complaints Commission members meet this morning to discuss whether reporting of the Mellor allegations was in the public interest. The commission, which yesterday received "a handful" of complaints from the public, will also investigate how The People obtained allegedly verbatim Mellor and Antonia de

It is understood that Lord MacGregor of Durris, the commission chairman, believes both The People and The Daily Mirror violated a clause in the industry's code of practice banning newspa-pers from obtaining informa-tion through subterfuge. The commission will issue a statement today. Meanwhile, MPs of all parties demanded that Mr MacKenzie name the minister.

Actress speaks, page 2 Smith's chance, page 6 Anthony Howard, page 12 real help."

poses, and the results would come too late in the school year to influence admissions. Mr Patten sees testing as a vital part of the government's strategy to raise standards in schools. "Sensible testing of pupils is essential to inform teachers, parents and pupils about how well children are doing at school by highlight-ing both strengths and weaknesses, showing where help is needed," he said.

Like the tests for sevenyear-olds, those for the next age group to be assessed will focus on the basics of reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic Pupils will sit a choice of three papers, ac-cording to their ability. The top level will be set at the standard expected of an average 16-year-old. The easiest papers will be of a similar standard to those taken by seven-year-olds, in order to accommodate children with special educational needs.

"I am determined to ensure that the tests for 11-year-olds are rigorous and rewarding for those who take them," Mr Patten said. He was confident that children would take the tests "in their stride".

The School Examinations and Assessment Council has been asked to produce tests which concentrate on pupils' knowledge and understanding, leaving teachers to assess their practical skills on the basis of ordinary classroom work. Papers will also be available in technology, history and geography to help teachers with their own assessment of pupils. Teacher assessment will be compulsory in technology from 1994 and in history and geography

from 1995. Teaching unions criticised the emphasis on written testing. Doug McAvoy, the general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said: Teachers will end up teaching to the tests and simply getting children to regurgitate facts. The exclusion of any practical or investigative work will stunt children's educational development and provide parents and secondary schools with information which is too narrow to be any



Water colours: a painting by Charles Pears of dockside workers watching the arrival in Southamp-ton of the Queen Mary after her maiden voyage in 1936 which forms part of a permanent gallery devoted to twentieth century sea power that opens today at the Nat-ional Maritime Museum, Greenwich. The selection is part of the nuseum's collection of paintings, watercolours, models, films, photo-graphs, flags and artefacts, many never seen in public before (John

Young writes). Although warfare is sinant theme, the exhibits extend to the merchant navy and the great liners and merchant ships that characterised Britain's mari-

century.
They include two works by two
German emists which were handed over as war reparations; one, by Claus Bergen, depicts the com-mander on the deck of a U-boat in 1917; the other, by Carl Saltzman, shows the German fleet in 1905.

Among the most striking pictures is one by Charles Dixon, depicting the surrendered German fleet being es-corted into the Firth of Forth in November 1918, the prelude to its subsequent scuttling in Scapa

The collection also includes 15 works by Norman Wilkinson, who devised the highly successful idea of camouflaging merchant vessels during the second world war in bizarre designs and colours, known as dazzle painting, in order to confuse enemy U-boats. Other well-represented artists include John Worsley, who spent the latter part of the war in a naval officers' prison camp and who created the dummy Albert RN, to deserve the Generalis by concealing an escape. The en-trance to the gallery is dominated by the reconstructed bows of a Trib-al class destroyer, and there are scale mock-ups of the operations room of a Type 22 frigate and the interior of the torpedo room of an

Lamont # digs in on public spending

Continued from page I relief in government circles yesterday when the Treasury's action in cutting the rate offered on its National Savings' First Option Bond appeared to pay off. The Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society is returning its mortgage to 10.75 per cent after a week at 10.99 per

The Treasury has set in sights on some long-term investment programmes, in-cluding housing and roads. Ministers will be told that extra spending to fulfil manifesto pledges will be no guarantee of their success.

Mr Lamont, speaking to businessmen in Westminster, said that inflation was the enemy of those least able to defend themselves, such as pensioners on fixed incomes and eroded business compe

The prime minister is back-ing the Treasury's efforts to hold to next year's spending total of some £244.5 billion. In addition to the interest rate reversal by the Chelten. ham & Gloucester, the Alliance & Leicester Building Society - which had been expected yesterday to announce a similar increase in its mortgage rate — said that it would not. It would,

Societies had said they could not compete with the 7.75 per cent net rate being paid by the bond without

though, continue to review its

raising mortgage rates.

The new rate of 7.25 per cent net, available since yesterday hanchtime, is still competitive and lenders have not ruled out the need to increase mortgage rates to stop money flowing out of their savings accounts. Building societies suffered a net outflow of £314 million in June before the new bond was launched. Other National Savings products had already been putting societies under pressure and contributed to the second worst monthly outflow since records began.
. in the first six months,

huilding society net receipts were at an all time low of £343 million compared with £4.6 billion for the same period last year. The last outflow was in March when savers withdrew £172 million more than they invested. Much of this went to National Savings. went to National Savings.

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Leading article, page 13

UN chief attacks Carrington's Bosnia accord expressed my view that it was not realistic in respect of the

water polo teams will be barred and no Yugoslav contingent will be present at the opening ceremony.

Mr Bouros Ghali's extra-

ordinary letter cast doubts on whether the EC-brokered peace accord, concluded in London by leaders of Bosnia's Serb, Muslim and Croat communities last Friday, can be implemented even if the present fighting stops. The accord called for a two-week ceasefire and for all heavy weapons in the former Yugoslav republic to be placed peacekeepers.

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By Philip Howard

All three Bosnian factions

and the EC asked for UN support in implementing the agreement, and the security council acted swiftly the same day to express its willingness to help. The security council requested Mr Boutros Ghali and his staff to prepare a report by last Monday.

Although UN officials drafted an initial report calling for an additional 1,100 UN personnel to supervise the heavy weapons at 60 locations throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina, it got no further than Mr Boutros Ghali's desk. Instead of the expected report, security council members were astonished to receive a testy letter from the

UN chief - traditionally regarded as the servant of the council — complaining that he had not been consulted.

"The day before its adoption, the likelihood of the agreement was brought to the attention of the UN secretariat by the EC official conducting the talks by telephone from London," the UN chief wrote. "The UN official who received the information expressed serious misgivings about the mandate which it was proposed to entrust to the protection force (UN-PROFOR). Early on Priday, I received a call from Lord Carrington who informed me of the agreement reached. I

responsibilities envisaged for UNPROFOR. He did not Mr Boutros Ghali said he

was too busy with other UN business last Friday to bring his objections to the attention of the security council before it endorsed the envisaged UN role later in the day. But he mid UN officials did inform Sir David Hannay, Britain's ambassador at the United Nations, of the secretary-general's "serious reservations".

The council, eager to act quickly in support of the

to place the heavy weaponry under UN supervision. "I now find myself in the invidi-ous position of having to advise the security council-on the implementation of a man-date behind which the councli has already thrown its political support." Mr Boutros Ghali wrote. Despite his complaints, the secretary general said he

would deliver the report requested by the security council on the planned increase in the UN presence but with a warning that the operation was not viable.

Croatia relents, page 10

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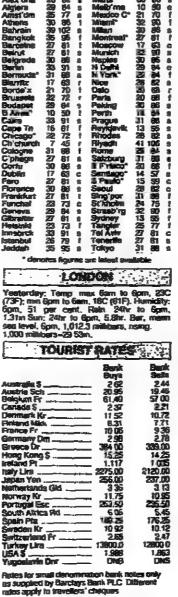
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- 25 Smart politician here in ancient Rome (4). This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 27 per cent of the competitors at the 1992 Bristol regional final of The Times InterCity

Concise Crossword, page 11 Life & Times

Crossword Championship.

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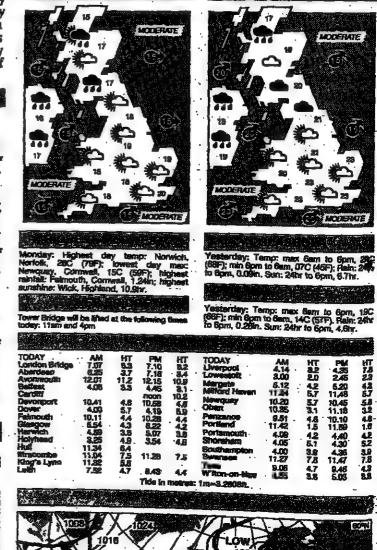
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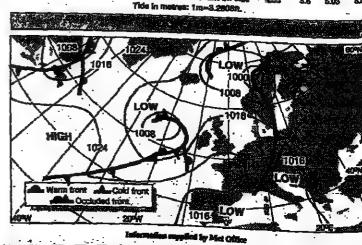
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Deal with American loss maker will create world's biggest airline alliance

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

TODAYIN BUSINESS

BAD LOANS



Banks are learning to live with the bad loans they made in the easy will cost them £5 billion this year, writes Page 21

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The pound struggled on the foreign exchange markets due to economic worries and renewed support for the dollar Page 19

COAL FACE



British Coal's Kellingley pit in Yorkshire, earmarked for privatisation, is threatened with beavy job cuts Page 19

OUT OF WORK

The OECD says unemployment in the developed world will reach 30 million next year, the worst for

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British Airways takes \$750m

By Ross Tieman and Harvey Elliott

stake in USAir

BRITISH Airways is to buy a 44 per cent stake in USAir Group, the American in-ternal carrier, for \$750 mil-lion, creating the world's biggest airline alliance. With more than 78 million

passengers a year, the HA partnership will outrank American Airlines and Delta, currently the world's two biggest carriers. The deal will also give BA its long-sought American domestic partner. Al-though it flies a handful of transatlantic routes, USAir is a huge carrier, with a route network focused on the American east coast cities, which rank among BA's busiest American destinations.

Lord King of Wartnaby, BA chairman, who flew to Washington at the end of last week to sign the agreement, said the deal was "not a gamble. We would not have gone in for it if it was Instead, it is an opportunity for us. USAir makes an ideal partner for us

THE BA-USAir link is expect-

ed to gain approval from US government authorities, which are considering an open-skies policy allowing Eu-ropean airlines to fly into any

American city.

Foreign investment in

American operators has been

encouraged by the transport

department in Washington in

the past two years as American

carriers have collapsed amid

The combined group will

gain a strong presence on

America's east coast where

USAir owns a 40 per cent

stake in the Boston-New York-

Washington commuter shut-

tle with an option to buy it

outright in less than five years,

at which time BA will be able

to convert its stake into USAir

ordinary shares. The two will

now continue talks with the

bankrupt Trans World Air-

lines to buy some of its assets.

David Lockwood, finance

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senger traffic.

and our operations fit together neatly giving us access to 40 per cent of the world's air travellers while we bring them the rest of the world."

The deal puts BA well on the path to becoming the world's first global airline. Sir Colin Marsball, BA's deputy chair-man and chief executive, apknowledged that a Pacific partner would be sought if markets there were liberalised enough to make that possible.

USAir is America's fourth largest airline, carrying 55 million passengers a year on 439 aircraft, with an average age of only nine years. BA carries 23 million passengers a year on 230 aircraft, which are typically ten years old. The average BA passenger travels further, on a network of 151 destinations worldwide.

USAir, which lost £165 million in the last financial year, compared with BA's £285 million profit, flies from Gatwick to Baltimore, Char-

director of Global Aviation, the airline consultants, said:

"This is a good marriage and the only TWA asset which could be of use to them might

be the hub at St Louis. I think

the big American carriers will oppose the alliance, but not

Within hours of the news.

Stephen Wolf, chairman and chief executive of United Air-

lines, urged President Bush to

USAir link as a lever to open

up greater access for American

USAir is due to announce its

second-quarter figures within the next couple of days, which

are likely to show losses of between \$75 million and

Earlier this year, USAir

scaled down its operations in

California, closed a hub in

Dayton, Ohio, laid off 7,000

employees and sought \$280

million worth of concessions

from remaining employees.

operators to the UK.

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Link expected to win

regulators' approval

FROM PHILLIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

lotte and Pittsburgh. Its flights into Gatwick will be taken over by BA. They will continue to be operated by USAir staff on USAir aeroplanes. But the aircraft are expected to be the first to sport a common livery. A committee is to be set up

to integrate the airlines and to ensure that USAir's 55.6 mil-lion passengers, who fly on 5,082 daily departures to 231 cities throughout America, are "plugged into" BA's transatlantic operations. Financial arrangements

have been structured to minimise the risk of objections from regulators on each side of the Atlantic whose approval is necessary. They are also designed to insulate BA from USAir's losses until profitability in the American domestic airline market improves. The BA holding will take

the form of new convertible preferred shares issued by the loss-making American carrier. To stay within the 25 per cent limit on foreign voting control in American airlines en-shrined in US legislation, BA will have only 21 per cent of the votes. Four per cent of votes are aiready held by foreigners. However, BA will have the right to increase its voting stake if other foreigners sell. It will also have the right to acquire additional shares to maintain its overall holding at 44 per cent. Even though BA has £900 million on deposit, the company will borrow, in dollars, to buy the USAir preferred shares.

Sir Colin said there would be no dilution of BA's earnings. However, the company's gearing will rise about 24 per cent to 97 per cei

Together, the companies will have annual revenues of more than £9 billion, £8 billion of which will meet operating costs. USAir has lost money in each of the past three years. During the calender year 1991, it lost \$415 million before tax. BA has remained one of the world's most profitable airlines, making profits of £285 million, before tax, in the year to March 31.

Boeing talks, page 18 Comment, page 21



Eyeing the Pacific: Sir Colin Marshall, BA deputy chairman and chief executive



Routes takeover: USAir's Gatwick flights may be the first with a common livery

SB drugs produce healthy figures

By MICHAEL TATE

A 16 PER CENT growth rate in pharmaceutical sales fired SmithKline Beecham to pretax profits of £532 million in the first half of 1992, a 10 per cent rise on the previous year. Robert Bauman, the chief executive, said the group was well on target to meet financial expectations for this year.

The increased profits yield-ed earnings of 12.9p a share against 11.6p a year ago, and shareholders will receive a second interim dividend of 2.075p a share, giving them 4.15p so far this year, against 75p last time.

Pharmaceutical profits im proved by 9 per cent, to £394 million, after a heavier mar-keting spend trimmed margins from 26.8 per cent to 25.6 per cent. New products such as Relaten, the antiarthritis medicine introduced to America this February, Seroxat, the anti-depressant launched in the UK 16 months ago, and Kytril, which in May became the first treatment for cancer therapy sideeffects to sell into Japan, all made big demands on the marketing budget.

SB's best-known drug. summer of its life saw a 2 per cent decline in sales, as expected, but Augmentin, the new anti-biotic "blockbuster" increased sales by 24 per cent over the second quarter, and is on line for a place in the \$1 billion-a-year sales club by the end of the year.

SB shares, caught up to some extent in the backwash of the Wellcome share sale in recent weeks, and back from a peak of more than 480p this year, improved by 13.5p yes-

terday, to 457p.

Consumer brands increased profits from E93 million to £100 million, but the company made no official comment on plans to dispose of its personal care division, including Brylcreem, Vosene return for more over-thecounter medicines. "It is still very carly days," a company

spokesman said. The group's clinical laboratories saw a 17 per cent advance to £35 million, as increasing numbers of American companies ask for regular employee screenings, but the animal health divisions saw a 16 per cent decline to £23 million in weak world markets.

Tempus, page 20

Greenspan sees American recovery gathering pace

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

"2.8391 (-0.0053) Exchange index (0.3) \$1.9 (-0.3 ALAN Greenspan, chairman of America's Federal Reserve ⊎Bank of England official close (4pm) Board, chose his words carefully when addressing the Senate banking committee yesterday, in an attempt to FT 30 share reinforce confidence in the recovery crucial to President

1831.0 (+6.9) Bush's re-election. FT-SE 100 But Mr Greenspan tem-2415.6 (+11.9) pered comments about recov-New York Dow Jones cry gaining momentum soon with a signal to financial markets that the Fed had 3321.91 (+18.91)* Tokyo Nikkei Avge completed its monetary eas-16002.41 (+117.93) ing. Although the interest rate cuts over the past year had failed to secure the robust **HISESTERS** recovery the Bush administra-tion had been seeking. Mr London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month Interpent: 10%-10%-1%
3-month eligible bils: 97%-9%/6
US: Prime Rate: 6%
Federal Funds: 37%
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30-year bonds: 1037%-1037%-Greenspan said it was acceptable for the key M2 aggregate to undershoot its target range. The Fed was active in the

This suggested that Mr Greenspan, in contrast to the

Bush administration, is concerned about dollar weakness. After his testimony yesterday, the dollar eased more than a pfennig to DM1.4885 in New York on profit taking. Dealers appeared to be cautiously testing the downside of



Greenspan: cautious

the deliar, having been caught unawares by the central bank action on Monday.

Mr Greenspan said America's hesitant recovery should soon gather pace, with lower inflation underpinning the upturn. He rejected suggestions that the Fed had been too slow to cut interest rates to ensure recovery, pointing out that the discount rate, at 3 per cent, was the lowest for 29

He said the economy would enjoy a modest pick-up, poshing down the unemployment rate. The Fed expects GDP growth of 2.5-2.75 per cent this year, rising to 2.75-3 per cent next. The unemployment rate is expected to fall from between 7.25 and 7.5 per cent 1.75 per c between 7.25 and 7.5 per cent this year to 6.5-7 per cent next.

Reuters buys balance of Visnews equity

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

REUTERS Holdings is to buy out the minority shareholders in Visnews. The move, involving millions of pounds, significantly expands its role in international television.

Reuters, with 51 per cent of Visnews, has signed a ten-year television partnership with America's National Broadcasting Company (NBC) to buy its 37.75 per cent stake in Visnews for cash. It has also agreed in principle to buy the BBC's 11.25 per cent stake. Peter Job, chairman of Vis-

news and chief executive of Reuters, said the joint venture could explore new opportunities in global television. The parties had been talking "for some months", he added. Visnews has 34 bureaux

worldwide and employs 454 staff, of whom 183 are involved in newsgathering. Reu-ters has 118 reporting bureaux and 1,100 reporters and

photographers worldwide. Mark Wood, Reuters' editorin-chief, said Visnews' turnover had grown from E10 million in 1981 to £60 million in

Reuters said the cost of the transactions was a "private matter between the parties". but suggested that, with planned capital investment. millions of pounds would be involved.

Reuters also announced pre-tax profits of £187.4 million (El 70.1 million) for the six months to end-June and raised its interim dividend from 4.7p to 5.3p a share. Michael Green, chairman

of Carlton Communications, is made a non-executive director, replacing Andrew Knight, executive chairman of News International, who asked to be released from the board.

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Eau dear, EC goes soft on competition policy

By Wolfgang Münchau EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

intervention on Monday to

stop the dollar falling below its

record low of DM1.4430.

EUROPEAN competition policy has given the impression of softening recently. Today, the European Commission is expected to clear Nestic's Fr15.3 billion takeover of Perner, a controversial deal that is going to lead to a concentration in the French

market for mineral water. This decision will follow close on the heels of two other competition investigations involving French companies. Curiously, each time the decision was a resounding "out". They were the French government's state aid scheme for Bull, the computer maker, and the 8.8 per cent stake taken by Banque Nationale de Paris in Air France. Both

be only coincidence and the various schemes did not contravene competition law. More likely, though impossible to prove, the lenience may be related to the French referendum on Maastricht in September and the need not to upset French voters, who regard the notion of a competition policy as absurd.

The commission has not always been so understanding of French national sensitivities. France reacted with incredulity to some of the earlier decisions by Sir Leon Brittan, the competition commissioner, such as the blocking of the takeover of de Havilland, the regional aircraft maker, by a Franco-Italian consortium, and, two years ago, the decision to force Renault to repay part of illegal

are state holdings. It may, of course, aid it had received from the French government. Those were the days when the commission was regarded as tough. So, if someone out there wants to launch a nasty mega bid to create a pan European monopoly, this is probably not a bad time.

Today's expected clearance of Nestie's takeover is more extraordinary because the commission said last mouth that "the merger of Nestlé and Perrier is a significant obstacle to the maintenance of effective competition in the French market".

What is likely to have happened is that the commission has struck a deal with Nestlé, under which the Swiss food giant undertakes to sell some minor mineral water brands, such as Saint Yorre. There is speculation that Nestlé may have to sell as many as eight brands. But critics will hold against this the fact that the commission's essential objection - of Nestle and BSN operating a cosy duopoly -

Sylvain Massot, French security analyst at Morgan Stanley, said both mineral water companies would have more than 30 per cent of the market. He calculates BSN's share at 31 per cent, which includes Evian, the market leader, and Volvic, the Perrier-owned brand, which it buys from Nestle. Nestlé, he said, would have between 30 and 37 per cent, depending on the

agreement with the commission. Meanwhile, if European competition policy continues in its softness, the chances are that the commission may soon face pressure to bust another monopoly: its own.

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Jobless toll prompts call for reforms

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

THE Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is calling for substantial labour market reforms, as unemployment in OECD countries is forecast to rise to the highest since 1983.

In this year's OECD Employment Outlook, the Parisbased organisation forecasts a rise in unemployment in the OECD area to 30 million, or 7.5 per cent of the workforce. in 1983, unemployment was 31 million, or 8.5 per cent. There will be no fall in the number of jobless until "well into 1993" at the earliest.

The OECD said that "in many member countries, eight years of sustained expansion failed to lower the unemployment rate significantly". The organisation is especially concerned about the rise in long-term unemployment, which is at historically high levels and which is forecast to rise again in the aftermath of the recession. Unemployment was an economic waste and was beginning to threaten the social cohesion, the OECD

The OECD is calling for a rethink on policy to improve labour market flexibility. "One way governments influence the job matching process is through systems of regulations on hiring and separations. If these are too restrictive, emplayers may become overly cautious about taking on new staff, especially from the ranks

experience," the report said. Further important policy areas were education and training of the unemployed.

The organisation said that fighting unemployment is a top priority for OECD countries. The reform of labour markets is crucial for progress... Determined tion now in pressing ahead with structural reforms must form the basis of the long-term

The 284-page report also claimed that "non-employment" rates, which measure the percentage of people who do not participate in the workforce, remained high. They averaged almost 50 per cent for women and 25 per cent for men during the 1980s, "representing a con-

ment potential". The report also noted a sharp decline in the labour force participation of those aged over 55. The OECD is urging governments to review pension and retirement policy in order to give older people greater flexibility and help them remain in contact with

the labour market". One of the few positive aspects highlighted by the report was the increased number of self-employed. "After long-term decline, self-employment has grown to one in eight of the non-agricultural workforce, reflecting not only the development of entrepre-



Seeing signs of recovery: Kevin O'Keeffe of Northumbrian Fine Foods yesterday

Profits crumble at biscuit group

By Philip Pangalos

NORTHUMBRIAN Fine Foods is passing its final dividend after tough trading conditions and exceptional costs took their toll on the USM-quoted biscuit and snack maker.

Pre-tax profits slumped 41.4 per cent to £154,645 in year to end-March, against £263,940 last time. Profits were hampered by a £550,000 exceptional charge, which included stock writeoffs and a £225,000 payoff relating to the departure of

tive, after 22 years with the Kevin O'Keeffe, non-executive chairman, said the company had experienced "a year

of self-inflicted wounds". Adverse market conditions and a depleted sales force are blamed for lower than expected sales in the last few months of the year. Turnover, boosted by acquisitions and organic million (£8.62 million).

of the John J Lees confectionery business last year resulted

said: "We are now seeing signs of recovery." He said worst with a strengthened management team and was back in profit after a loss-making first quarter. John Gibson, finance direc-

tor, was appointed acting chief executive after Mr Adams' departure. The company is still seeking a permanent

Earnings per share rose to 0.97p (0.51p). The absence of a final payout leaves the total dividend at 0.75p (1.75p) for

Boeing in talks on new 737

FROM REUTER

BOEING is talking to customers about a stretch version of its 737 medium-range aircraft, which, some analysis said, may compete better with Airbus Industrie's A320 jetliner. Two weeks ago, UAL Corporation's United Airlines. which had been heading to-wards an all-Boeing fleet. agreed instead to lease 50 A320s from Airbus and took an option on 50 more.

But, some Wall Street analysts said, if Boeing introduces a sixth 737 model in the late 1990s with greater range and speed, even United, America's second-largest airline, might return its Airbus jets in ex-

change for Boeings. Boeing's 737 has been the best-selling commercial air-craft in the jet age, with more than 2,250 of various updated versions of the 100 to 170-seat aircraft delivered since it was introduced 25 years ago. Analysts noted that Airbus was promoting the A320 as having greater range and thrust than Boeing's 737-400 jets. Boeing insisted that the 737-400 has performance and cost-of-operation advan-tages over its competition, saying that Airbus simply exceeded Boeing's own fa-

vourable offer. Some analysts believe that the short-term, walk-away pro-visions thought to be included in the Airbus deal might eventually be to Boeing's advantage. They said a new 737 would have greater speed and range. Bill Whitlow, an analyst at Pacific Crest Securities, "That could blunt United's willingness to exer-

Too late for satellite rivals to cover games

THE European Commission has conceded that it is too late to open up the Barcelona Olympics to competing satellite television companies, effectively denying British satellite viewers a greater choice during the games. The commission, following complaints from Screensport, the fleedgling satellite channel, is trying to find an acceptable way of controlling the European Broadcasting Union, which groups all the EC's major public broadcasters and effectively holds a monopoly over coverage of Europe's big sports events. The EBU holds a 50 per cent stake in Screensport's rival, Eurosport, which it will provide with 24-hour footage during the games.

The commission and Screensport lawyers admit it is too late to try to get Screensport access to the games on an equal

late to try to get Screensport access to the games on an equal footing. Screensport's lawyers hope for a ruling curbing the EBU's power in October.

St Modwen edges up

ST MODWEN Properties, the Midlands property group, has reported marginally higher profits of £1.04 million for the six months to end-May. Profits earned on the sale of development properties fell by half to £1.32 million. The company's investment portfolio is now producing an annual rent roll of £7.1 million and in the balf year generated income of £3.2 million. Interest charges fell from £3.2 million to £2.5 million. As normal, there is no interim dividend.

BP given gas go-ahead

BRITISH Petroleum has received government approval for development of the Hyde gas field in the southern North Sea and the transfer of 45 per cent of the field licence to Statoil of Norway. The field, 40 miles east of Humberside, was discovered in 1982. BP predicts that 133 billion cubic feet of gas will be recovered over 22 years. Production is due to start in October 1993. BP and Statoil have an alliance in gas marketing in the UK, technical research and some exploration.

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Radius pegs payout

PHIL Kelly, the chief executive of Radius, feels that the computer systems and maintenance supplier is over the worst and is cautiously optimistic about prospects. As a result, the USM company is maintaining its highligh dividend at 0.9p despite a 34 per cent decline in pre-tax profits to £525,000 in the six months to end-May on turnover down from £14.7 million to £12 million. Earnings per share fell to 1p, down

neurship but also structural in asset value write-offs totalthe year. Last time's final cise the option on the other 50 ling £1.5 million. Mr O'Keeffe THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE INCY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS | Processor | Proc | Sept | 1996 | December | 177 | 1997 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 ##ENDERSON PO Box 2013, Breathwork, State CM13 17T, Describer 277 (27738) Describer 27738 Describe | Description |

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Retail sales data likely to confirm consumer gloom

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

today expected to show retail sales flat for last month, confirming City fears that the decline in confidence this summer is killing off hopes of a consumer-led recovery.

The data are unlikely to

improve market sentiment for improve market sentiment for the pound, which yesterday shed just over half a pfennig to DM2.8391 at the London close. In quiet trading, after central bank support for the dollar on Monday, sterling slipped almost a cent \$1.9085 and was 0.3 down on its tradeand was 0.3 down on its tradeweighted index at 91.4,

A 0.3 per cent rise in retail sales in May gave a buoyantlooking 2.1 per cent year-onyear increase. But this figure was flattered by a weak May n 48, 400

THE Association of Lloyd's

Members, a body represent-ing more than 9,000 Lloyd's

names, has come out in full

support of the ruling Council of Lloyd's ahead of next Mon-

day's extraordinary meeting.
The meeting was originally

requisitioned by a group of dissident names who tabled a

series of resolutions amount-

ing to a motion of no confi-

dence in the existing Council.

Two motions expressing confidence in the Council, includ-

ing one by the ALM, were

In a letter posted on Mon-

later added to the agenda.

day, the ALM has arged its members to rally behind the Lloyd's leadership and reject

the critical motions. According

tions should not be supported.

because "collectively they

might be seen as qualifying

members' confidence in the

Council, which would negate

or delay all the changes now

being made to improve the

dismissive of one resolution

calling for a recent £500

solvency levy on names to be

ALM this resolution "is plain-

ly prejudicial to Lloyd's com-

mercial standing and if implemented would place Lloyd's status as a solvent

insurer at risk - to the

detriment of everyone with a

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cy and broking firms, and full

co-operation by the Council

the closure of all old open years by the end of 1992, full

The other resolutions call for

Lloyd's market."

The ALM is particularly

operations of Lloyd's."

to the letter, the critical resolu-

Council of Lloyd's

receives support

By Jonathan Prynn

1991. Forecasts for June centre on unchanged sales, which would slow the annual growth rate to about 0.5 per

A gloomy Confederation of British Industry survey point-ed to a renewed fall in year-on-year retail sales last month. The report noted that the small boost in sales in the two months after the election ap-

peared to have fizzled out.
Two confidence surveys
published yesterday did nothing to alleviate the gloom. A
Gallup survey, conducted in
the first two weeks of luke the first two weeks of July, showed that 30 per cent of respondents expected the economic situation in Britain to improve, while 31 per cent expected things to worsen.

with all groups representing

The ALM, which is chaired

by Neil Shaw, the Tate & Lyle

chairman, has been highly critical of the senior manage-ment of Lloyd's in the past but has now decided that the best

course for the market is to implement the changes rec-

ommended in the Rowland,

Walker and Morse reports. However, the ALM's position

has been attacked by hardline

dissidents who accuse it of

supporting the status quo at

Lloyd's and not representing

Names have also been asked to reject the critical motions in a letter from David

Coleridge, the chairman of

Lloyd's. In the letter he

described the arguments used

in the motions as "specious" and said they should be "firm-

the interests of its members.

is the steepest reported for more than a decade. On household finances, the pessimists match the optimists. But this represents a deterioration in confidence since June and the worst monthly showing since August. Consumers' view of inflation prospects also give rise for concern, with 19 per cent of respondents expecting infla-tion to be higher in 12 months, the highest percent-

The balance of minus 1 per

cent was the worst recorded

since February. More alarmingly, the negative balance in

July compares with a positive

balance of 13 per cent in June and 30 per cent in May. The drop in the latest two months

age since January.

Consensus Research International and Kidsons Impey, the chartered accountant, find in their latest survey of the small business sector in England and Scotland that confidence in economic recovery has dropped dramatically from 69 per cent in April to Carlo 39 per cent this march

only 38 per cent this month.

Peter Douglas, national managing partner of Kidsons Impey, said small and medium-sized businesses, hopeful of upturn three months ago, were now sharing the views of big business. "Low business confidence, low consumer demand, and a return to the 'save it, don't spend it' philosophy are badly dampening the entrepreneurial spirit and dynamism of the small business

sector," he said. The survey finds that only one firm in six expects a recovery over the next quarter, compared with the 40 per cent expecting an upturn in the last survey in April. Respondents are nevertheless pinning their hopes for recovery primarily on increased consumer demand, with lower interest rates seen as the second most important factor. Small and medium-sized businesses are defined as having an annual turnover of up to £30 million.

ly rejected".

All the resolutions to be debated at Monday's meeting will be the subject of a postal ballot of all Lloyd's names. Trade figures out today are expected to show the deficit widening in June to about £1 billion from an £845 million shortfall in May, reflecting the faster growth in imports. With Letters, page 21 domestic confidence in retreat ing, economists believe both imports and exports may have

weakened in June. Revisions to invisible earnings data last month brought a sharp lowering of the traditional surplus from trade in services. This fell to £450 million in the first quarter of this year from £1.1 billion the previous quarter. The projected surplus for the second quarter is £600 million, suggesting the current account deficit will widen to £800 million in June from



Feeling the squeeze: Steve Kendall, joint managing director, blames the recession for a near-50 per cent slide in profits

CMA profit under the hammer

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

REDUCED activity at auction centres took its toil of first-half profits at Central Motor Auctions, as many companies delayed changing their car fleets in the current tough climate.
The USM-quoted company

is Europe's largest indepen-dent motor vehicle auction group and claims to hold the number two position in the United Kingdom behind ADT's British Car Auctions. Steve Kendall, joint manag-

ing director, blames the recessionary squeeze for a 49.8 per cent slide in pre-tax profits to £432,000 in the half-year to end-April, down from £861,000 last time. Auction proceeds fell by 2 per cent to £153 million in the half year.

On a brighter note, Mr Kendall says CMA has taken market share and is seeing "patchy" signs of recovery as well as better operating mar-gins following improved cost efficiencies.

"June was a good month; the indicators were starting to proving," he added.

CMA has also recently

bought a 5.5 acre car storage and distribution depot next to the M25 motorway, north of London, for about £850,000. There was an exceptional credit of £165,000, relating to a surplus on a property disposal

Earnings fell to 2.7p a share, down from 5.1p. The interim dividend is maintained at 1p a share. The shares eased 5p to

National Australia ready to buy Bank of New Zealand

By OUR CITY STAFF

NATIONAL Australia Bank, which owns the Clydesdale. Northern, and Yorkshire banks in Britain, intends to take over the state-controlled Bank of New Zealand, the largest bank in the country, for more than £400 million.

The conservative New Zealand government and previous labour governments have tried for the past five years to sell BNZ. In that time, it has been twice bailed out, largely because of its exposure to corporate failures. Its restructuring is said to be almost complete now. BNZ suffered a NZ\$940.8

million (£265 million) loss in the year to March 1989, the largest banking loss in New Zealand history. BNZ, however, reported an after-tax profit of NZ\$171.1 million for the year to March 1992 and had

ONE of the collieries reputed-

ly identified by government advisers on British Coal priva-

tisation as capable of being

sold separately is to cut its workforce substantially

because of poor production.

Kellingley pit, near Ponte-fract in West Yorkshire, fea-

tured in the leaked NM

Rothschild report on the

future of British Coal but was

declared by British Coal yes-

terday to be one of the top ten high cost pits of the 49

assets of NZ\$19.81 billion. said it would pay NZ\$1.48 billion for BNZ. subject to an expected eightweek due diligence study of BNZ's finances, and provid-ing that 90 per cent of BNZ shareholders accept. It is thought that the New

Zealand government, which owns 58 per cent of BNZ, and Fay, Richwhite, a merchant bank, which has 27 per cent, would be relieved that the negotiations had concluded. The remaining 15 per cent of BNZ is owned by the public. Fay, Richwhite and the government, which said it would sell the bank when it took over in 1990, said they would accept the NAB offer of NZ\$0.80 a share.

Jim Bolger, the prime minister, welcoming the offer, said the government would receive

More cuts at 'sell-off' mine

remaining in the country. The

pit employs 1,090 people after

cutting 410 jobs in January. It

is part of British Coal's Selby

Group of eight pits in North

Yorkshire but does not form

part of the ultra modern Selby

complex which, because of

poor geology, has had its

expected life cut from 25 years

Alan Houghton, director of

the Selby Group, said yester-

day: "Further action needs to

be taken at Kellingley if the pit

to 15 years.

about NZ\$850 million from the sale, which would go towards paying off some of New Zealand's NZ\$34.3 billion foreign debt. NAB's New Zealand operations have assets of NZ\$2.3 billion compared with BNZ's NZ\$19.6 billion. NAB has worldwide assets of NZ\$129 billion.

NAB shares in Australia rose 7 Australian cents to A\$7.83 (\$5.84) on the news. although Standard & Poor's credit rating agency put NAB on creditwatch with negative implications. But the agency said the proposed acquisition had a number of positive features for National Australia and the most likely outcome was that the bank's ratings would be affirmed.

BNZ shares dropped slightly while Fay, Richwhite was up 4 cents to NZ\$0.68.

is to have a chance of a secure

"The main cause for con-

cern continues to be the

unacceptably poor develop-ment rates. No decision has

been taken on the best course

of action for the pit's future but

there would need to be a substantial reduction in

British Coal said that

Kellingley's results had suf-

fered because of an inability to

bring new coal faces on stream

quickly enough to cover the high fixed costs of the pit.

Mr Houghton also said that

the nearby Sharlston pit was

turning in a disappointing performance and that all the

output was going into stock

and was not a priority fuel for

generators in the highly com-

at Shariston as "very serious"

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ASH makes **American** switch

AUTOMATED Security (Holdings) is to move the listing of its American shares (ADRs) to the New York Stock Exchange from the smaller Nasdaq market, where they were the victim of a series of bear raids. Tom Buffet, the chairman, said restrictions on short selling of shares on the Big Board would make it more difficult for bear raiders

to hit the company's rating. ASH's pre-tax profits fell to £6.5 million in the six months to end May (£13.9 million). The figure was struck after rationalisation costs of £4 million. Profits before interest and exceptional items were down only 10 per cent to £19.5 million on sales of £96.7 million, almost unchanged.

The interim dividend rises 9 per cent to 2.25p, partly because of the expected £80 million extraordinary profit on the £150 million sale of the loss-prevention division.

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Clayhithe loss

Claybithe, the investmen company, has fallen into losses. In the year to end-March. the company reported a pretax loss of £548,000 compared with a pre-tax profit of £1.6 million. The final dividend is 1.75p, making 2.5p. If the interest payment on the loan stock is taken into account, the total payout is about the same as last year's 6p.

Borland profit

Borland International returned to profitability in the first quarter to end-June. The company had slumped to a net loss of \$110 million last year. Borland reports a slide in pretax income to \$2.3 million in the three months to end-June. compared with a restated figure of \$18.4 million.

Northern Telecom suffered a 7 per cent decline in revenues in the second quarter of this year to \$1.95 billion.

Heseltine seeks credits for trade mission to China

By Ross TIEMAN

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL Heseltine, presi-

dent of the Board of Trade, is to lead a trade mission to China this autumn, ending three years of strained political relations since the Tiananmen Square massacre. Trade department officials

hope Mr Heseltine will be able to offer China several hundred million pounds of credits to encourage the Chinese to buy goods and services from British companies. Talks are under way be-

tween the department and Treasury over availability of funds for trade credits. Two British concessional loans, worth about £500 mil-

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tion in total, have been The Heseltine mission is

Shaw: backs changes

likely to include many of Britain's most senior industrialists and is a further sign of determination at the DTI to encourage industry to cash in on the rising prosperity of the fast growing economies of

Richard Needham, the trade minister, is expected in Hong Kong today for a four-day visit. He will go on next week for talks in Peking,

purpose in the region.

Tianjing and Shanghai.

Mr Needham's brief is to prepare the ground for the November visit by making plain Britain's new sense of

British ministers believe im-

proved trade links could help smooth the transfer of Hong Kong back to China in 1997. Mr Needham will be at pains to emphasise to Chinese officials that Hong Kong

holds the key to prosperity in China's southern province of Guangdong, adjacent to Hong Kong, which has begun to modernise industry under the influence of inward investment and more liberal economic arrangements.

The trade minister is also likely to pass on concerns in Hong Kong that some Chi-nese policies are inhibiting fund-raising to finance the construction of Hong Kong's airport on an offshore island. However, Mr Needham will be concerned to open

doors to British business on both sides of the border. Britain has a trade deficit with Hong Kong, even though the colony is Britain's biggest far-eastern market

after Japan. Last year, British exports to Hong Kong were £1.3 billion, against £1.6 billion worth of imports. However, the volume of

exports does appear to be rising in the train of Hong Kong's prosperity. Last year, sales of British goods and services to the colony rose 12 per cent. In the first five months of

the present year, they in-creased 22 per cent, year on Sales to China remain very

the market. They are also subject to great fluctuations, partly because most of China's scarce foreign currency income is reserved for spending on in-

frastructure. In 1991, United Kingdom sales to China totalled £322 million, a decrease of almost 40 per cent. But this year they are running 20 per cent

One of Britain's biggest successes has been in power engineering. Only last week, a consor-

tium led by GEC Alsthom, the Anglo-French group, signed an agreement to extend a power station at Shajiao, on the Pearl River in the southern



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GOVERNMENT securities regained some of their poise as worries about a possible devaluation of the pound began to Prices at the longer end recovered from a hesitant start

to post gains of about £1/4, with investors taking a longerterm view of prospects for the economy. The Treasury 9 per cent 2008 climbed eight ticks to £1007/16, while at the shorter end, prices firmed about £1/8, with £272 1432 101/2 per cent 1997 adding three ticks to £10415/32.

Simon Briscoe, economist with Greenwell Montagu, said prices have begun retrac-ing recent losses. The main worry among investors has been about the recession and the possibility of the pound being devalued. Those fears are now beginning to ease".

Brokers have continued revising down forecasts for economic growth. As a result, investors now see gilts as

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Needham: Peking talks

By Jonathan Prynn HOLMES Protection Group, the security company based in America that, last year, was shares. The restructuring will give the lenders up to 56.2 per

Holmes Protection pact

will almost clear debts

the subject of a protracted battle for boardroom control, has signed a complex restructuring agreement with its lenders that will virtually wipe out debt. The agreement al-lows for the elimination of \$72.6 million of loans and accrued interest in exchange for \$28 million in cash, 19 per cent of the enlarged share capital of Holmes, warrants to subscribe for a further 5 per cent and reimbursement of \$2.2 million of costs.

They have also agreed to use \$18.5 million of the \$28 million cash to apply for new

cent of the enlarged share capital of the company, which is quoted in London.

Funds to pay for the debt restructuring are being raised through share placings in America, the UK and Europe. There is also an open offer to shareholders. The company said the restructuring and the successful implementation of its operating strategy "should place it in a strong position to compete effectively within the electronic surveillance and secunity industry."

Pro forma net assets at December 31 were \$42.1 million, or \$1.02 per share.

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SmithKline Beecham has right formulae

ONE week short of its third birthday, SmithKline Beecham, headed by Robert Bau-man, is meeting all the targets identified by the merging companies and, with its observations of conditions in the pharmaceuticals market yesterday, may just have given the Wellcome share sale its first positive news.

Tagamet, for so long bearer of the only blockbuster tag in the stable, is now in decline, with sales off 2 per cent, but Augmentin is coming up on the rails and is confidently expected to be in the \$1 billion a year class by the turn of the year, after a 24 per cent increase in the second quarter. Of the newer drugs, Relaten

grabbed £40 million sales in the first half, Seroxat has won 20 per cent of the UK antidepressant market by value, and hopes are high for Kytril, the cancer treatment side-effects product, in Japan, SB also appears to have settled its Tagamet patent differences in Japan, where its sales are \$275 million.

If there is a weakness, it is in animal health. Margins suffered and trading profit dipped 19 per cent. Consumer brands profits improved an impressive 19 per cent, but runs the risk of a morale problem if the future of personal care division is not settled soon. Attention continues to be given to the balance sheet, where gearing is down from 42 per cent at the year-end to 30 per cent, and should be below 20 per

The market is looking for at



Prescribing the right medicine: Robert Bauman, chief executive of SmithKline Beecham

least £1.11 billion for the full year, which would produce earnings per share in excess of 27p, for a multiple of less than 17 at last night's 457p share price. Given prognostications of double figure earnings growth into the mid-1990s, this is quite justifiable.

ASH

INVESTORS in Automated Security (Holdings), have had a miserable two years as shares in this once high-flying security products business have slid from their 1990 peak of more than 300p. The

shares lost 4p yesterday, on the interim figures, to close at 129p. The company has been dogged by concerns over its balance sheet, particularly the finance leases written by its loss prevention businesses. and this has been compounded by bear raids on the company's Nasdaq quoted

Tom Buffet, ASH's chairman, hopes that two moves confirmed yesterday will allow the company to begin to restore its battered rating. The first is the £150 million sale of the loss prevention division, a deal that elimi-

nates bank debt, increases net assets by 70p, but perhaps, most importantly, clears the finance leases from ASH's balance sheet. The second development is a move from Nasdaq to the New York Stock Exchange, where bear raiding is more difficult.

Interim pre-tax profits fell from £13.9 million to £6.5 million after a £4 million restructuring charge, but the interim dividend has been upped from 2.07p to 2.25p. Forecasts for the full year range from £20 million to £27 million, but most eyes are now turned towards 1993, when analysts are hoping to see at least £30 million of profits. That figure would give 16p of earnings and put the shares on a multiple of barely more than eight times earnings. The shares are cheap but buyers must be prepared to stay the recovery course.

Keuters

REUTERS yesterday proved its own adage of announcing news that moves markets". The shares opened at 1,151p. advanced to 1,163p. and then fell to 1,125p. Higher pre-tax profits for the six

million against £170.1 million, and a 12.8 per cent nudge in the dividend to 5.3p a share, was tempered by a reminder that life is tough on the other side of the wire.

months to end June of £187.4

The net cash pile at £608.8 million has risen by 21.1 per cent since end December, and net interest received rose from £21.9 million to £32.5 million. The uncertainty of where interest rates are going from here, though, may pre-vent a repeat performance in the second half.

The trading statement was a mixture of good and not so good news. For a media organisation, Reuters all but mouthed an unthinkable "no comment" when pressed about the cost of its purchase, for eash, of the outstanding 49 per cent of Visnews from NBC and the BBC.

New products and services continue to be offered to the world at large, but do not expect any improvement in the revenue growth rate in the short term. Only when the pace in financial markets is quicker can stronger revenue growth rates be born.

Reuters still looks on course for year end pre-tax profits of £385 million against £340.3 million, and an increase in the year's total dividend from 17p to 19.5p is possible. The shares trade on 18.8 times prospective earnings, which looks heady in current mar-kets. But American investors remain in the fan club with a 37.7 per cent, and when stock markets pick up, the shares should again out-perform.

Overseas markets help Dow to early advance

New York — Shares rose in early trading as investors were reassured by overnight gains in Asian and European shares and a stronger dollar. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 7 points to 3,310, having risen as high as 3,318.

Tolyo — Prices staged a modest, technical recovery after Monday's heavy declines and the Nikkei index closed up 117.93 points, or 0.74 per cent, at 16,002.41. Investors drew some comfort from the fact that the Nikkei kept above 15,741.27, its 73-month closing low reached on June 29. ☐ Frankfort — Shares ended an indecisive session mixed with a higher bias, recovering only a portion of the 5 per cent plunge since the Bundesbank raised interest rates last Thursday. The Dax index ended

10.10 points higher at 1,659.77, reversing just a part of Monday's 53-point loss. ☐ Hong Kong — Prices ended moderately higher in choppy trading on a recovery led by strong buying of HSBC Holdings after its Marine Midland Bank unit reported a turnround in first-half results on Monday. The Hang Seng index rose 23.95 points to 6.010.44 after swinging widely in a 129-point range. Sydney - Shares finished higher, rebounding in the afternoon in line with a strong finish in Tokyo. The all ordinaries index closed 4.4 points higher at 1,609.2. ☐ Singapore — Prices closed lower on selling. The Straits Times industrial index fell 11.29 points to 1,434.46.



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STOCK MARKET

Shares manage to claw back some of their losses

SHARE prices attempted to reduce some of their recent hefty losses but failed to hold on to best levels, and earlier gains were halved. Bear closing and demand for the financial future produced an early mark-up. But the FT-SE 100 index showed signs of running out of steam in late trading and had to be helped out by an opening rise on Wall

Shares in Shanks & McEwan the waste disposal group, fell 4p to 190p after Smith New Court, the broker, repeated its sell recommendation. Smith expects pre-tax profits in the current year to drop below the pre-tax profits of £31 million made last time.

Street after Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, made some optimistic remarks on the American

The index eventually closed 11.9 better at 2,415.6 having been almost 23 points higher over remained derisory with only 421 million shares changing hands. Sentiment had been boosted by the Treasury's decision to reduce the rate of its new National Savings Bond. The building societies imm-

ediately withdrew their threat to push up their own rates which would have most likely increased the cost of mortgages. But brokers are under no illusion. They see it as a temporary reprieve and remain anxious about the outlook. There was another volatile ride for sterling on the foreign exchange market yesterday and brokers fear that the equity market still has bottoming out.

Hanson rose above the £2 level, with a rise of 6p to 203p. as it shrugged off the ill-effects of this week's profits downgrading by James Capel, the stockbroker. County NatWest likes Hanson and says the shares will start to outperform as the American economy shows signs of recovery. Counearlier in the session. Turn- ty says there is no prospect of

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to 190p after Smith New Court, the stockbroker, reduced its dividend forecast. Speculative buying lifted Mirror Group 5p to 63½ p—a two day lead of 10¼ p—as a further 13 million shares changed hands. The price returned from suspension last week at 5 lp after being frozen

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at 125p in December. There has been intense speculation recently about potential bidders stalking the shares and even possible stakebuilding. Reuters, the international news agency and financial

information group, lost an early lead finishing the session 27p lower at £11.24 after the group warned about current trading prospects. Pre-tax profits were much in line with City expectations showing a 10 per cent improvement at

FISE Euro 100: 1075.64 (-11.60)

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£187.4 million. British Airways jumped 11p to 268p after confirming plans to acquire a 21 per cent stake in USAir, America's fourth-biggest airline, for £391 million. The City had been buzzing with talk about such a deal for some time. Talks will now begin about intergrating the activities of both companies and creating a global airline. SmithKline Beecham's A shares advanced 14p to 457p and the units lip to 411p after the group weighed with interim figures at the end of analysis forecast's. A strong performance by its pharmaceutical and consumer products divisions helped the group raise pre-tax profits from £483 million to £532 million. Wellcome, however, continued to lose ground falling 12p to 833p — for a two day deficit of 37p — as applications for the share sale by Wellcome Trust for private investors closed. Institutions have until Friday to decide whether, or not, to pitch for the shares. However, it now seems

certain that the financial ad-

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visers to the sale have already begun downgrading the size of the issue from 330 million to 250 million, or less. It also seems likely that the issue will be priced lower than earlier expectations following the sharp fall in the equity market. Fund managers are likely to wait until the last minute before making a decision on pricing. Current speculation

helped by a buy recommendation from BZW. The shares have fallen from 295p this year, underperforming the market 34 per cent. They now trade at a modest premium, despite earnings growth well above the UK average.

in the market suggests that offers are likely to be pitched at 800p, or lower. Glazo jumped 28p to 716p in response to a progress report on a new drug being developed to help com-

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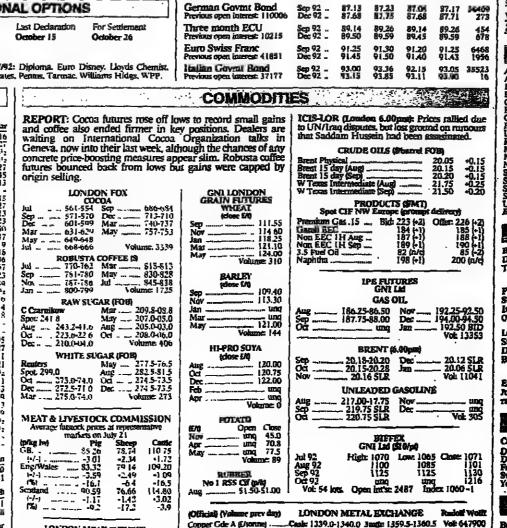
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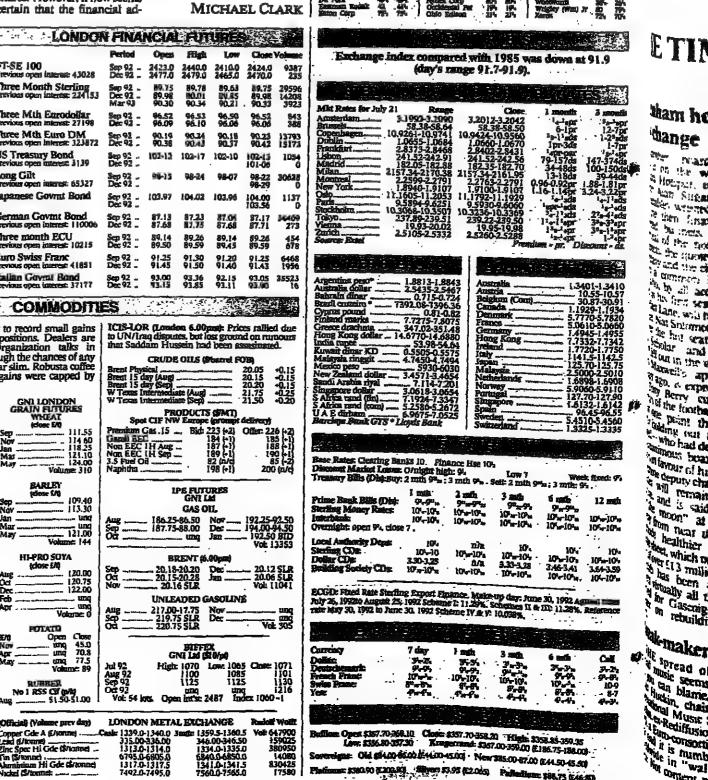
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BA achieves its US bridgehead

British Airways has dinched its most important strategic deal since buying British Caledonian and perhaps even since the move out of state ownership. In an election year when the president is besieged by an economy still mired in recession, the Department of Transportation may be less troublesome than it might have been. BA's \$750 million infusion of cash into USAir will be warmly welcomed. Ahead of the lengthy regulatory process therefore, the omens are fair.

After a comple of false starts, BA is within sight of its tochold in what is easily the world's largest airline market. This is the market that offers shareholders the best chance of raising long-term growth objectives significantly. It will, however, be a bumpy ride. USAir is heavily lossmaking and the 2nd quarter results, due later this month, will not make pretty reading. It will take time and hard work to bring about a return to profit. Many of USAir's domestic rivals are in the grip of a cut-price war. The chapter 11 carriers are fighting for survival and operating with cash generation, not profit, in mind. But if the link goes ahead, USAir will find itself well placed beneath the wing of BA, whose finances are the envy of its peers. USAir's gearing dives from worse than 200 per cent to 70 per cent.

BA's tough cost cutting over the past few years is now paying handsome dividends. It can finance the share stake without recourse to shareholders, though its own gearing will rise to close on 100 per cent on a pro forma basis. USAir is a good fit as a feeder to BA's transatlantic destinations and analysts believe that in the longer run close on £100 million of cost savings and added revenue are possible. In the longer term, as de-regulation proceeds, BA may be able to contemplate a full-scale merger that in turn would lead to critical mass for much higger acquisitions.

Missing targets

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hile the yawning 6 per cent gap between short-term interest rates in America and Germany reflects the fundamental policy gulf between Europe and North America, there is a peculiar symmetry about the way central banks on both sides of the Atlantic respond to misbehaving money aggregates. Only last Thursday, the Bundesbank president, keenly explained why a host of special factors made a nonsense of the targetted broad money measure, M.3. Annualised growth close to 9 per cent compares with a target corridor of 3.5 to 5.5 per cent. Yet, the Bundesbank council chose to leave its target unchanged, despite having no hope of hitting it this year.

In his appearance before the Senate banking committee in Washington yesterday, Alan Green-span, the Federal Reserve chairman, sought to undermine his key money aggregate, M2, whose sluggishness has caused some anxiety. The American measure has been undershooting the Fed's 2.5 to 6.5 per cent growth target. Set on persuading the markets that the Fed has eased as much as it can, Mr Greenspan effectively trashed M2, saying its weak-ness was "acceptable". Furthermore, he indicated that Fed was considering shifting the goalposts. The shift away from bank deposits to mutual funds has decreased the velocity of M2. The economy was already on course for recovery. A new aggregate might be appropriate, but not yet. The unreachable target range stays where it is. The idea is not to hit it, but to tell the markets that the transatiantic interest will not widen before November.

Intensive care wards still flooded with cases of bankers' largesse

Neil Bennett says the

big banks expect to set aside another £5 billion

this year to pay for a

continuing legacy from the easy money eighties

arly next month, Britain's big five banks will admit to their shareholders that they made a £2.8 billion mis-take. More accurately, they have made tens of thousands of mistakes. lending to legions of companies and people that will never repay them.

Banking in the nineties is dominated by had debt provisions that are draining the lifeblood of the country's financial system. Last year, the banks set aside £5.6 billion to pay for bad debts, or £640,000 every hour, day and night. Their results for the first six months of 1992 will show the tide of losses has kept flowing.

The economy has to bear the costs of these foiled losses are the which

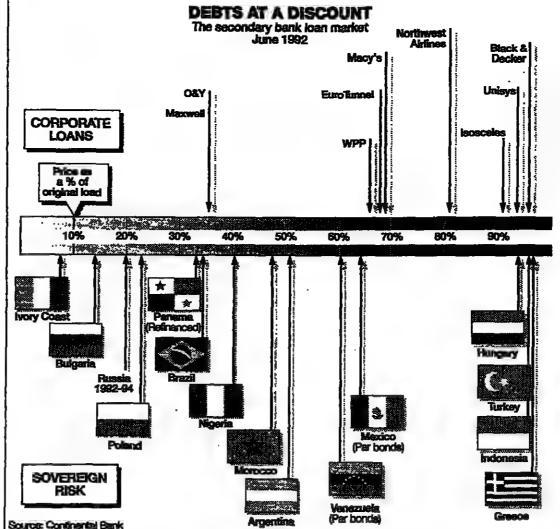
of these failed loans, many of which were agreed in the easy credit environment of the late eighties. Other solvent customers are paying higher charges and interest rates as the banks try to boost income. Thou-sands of bank employees are facing redundancy or early retirement as their employers cut costs.

Recessions always bring bad debts, but not on this scale. At the end of the last recession in 1984, banks provisions rose to 1 per cent of their loan book. Last year, they topped 2.5 per cent. One loan in every 20 was written off.

These provisions come straight out of the banks' capital, the precious reserves that fund all their business. Leading British banks are still, fortunately, among the best capitalised in the world. This year, Smith New Court, the broker, expects them col-lectively to set aside another £5.1 billion, which reflects the continuing recession and high level of company failures. "Insolvencies and provisions continued to rise after the last recession. We are not out of recession yet so we are not even testing that water," Alison Deuchars, bank analyst at Smith New Court, said.

Nor are there many prospects for recovery until the second half of the decade. In the past, inflation came to the rescue. Bankers were able to sell the security on their bad loans as values rose and write the proceeds back to profits. Inflation effectively con-cealed the real risks and encouraged lending at improdently low margins that will have to widen permanently with the advent of low inflation.

High street clearing banks first began to appreciate the approaching est rates peaked at 15 per cent and companies and individuals began to sag under the cost of borrowing. By August 1990, Barciays reported that its provisions had trebled to £458 million in the first half of the year, which included £100 million set aside for British & Commonwealth, the first



large corporate collapse of the eco-nomic downturn. Since then, bank chairmen have reported the deteriorating situation to shareholders at regular six monthly intervals. At first they claimed that their figures would bounce back once the recession ended. Now, no one expects anything more than a long, painful

A detailed breakdown of the £903 million bad debt charge in Midland's figures last year shows how the bank and its competitors are being hit by defaulting loans on all sides. Threefifths of the provisions are against loans to corporate customers, the rest against personal borrowers.

On the business lending side, Midland identified 9,403 stricken customers last year where provisions were required. Only ten of the provisions were worth more than £5 million, and totalled only £74 million. The bulk of the damage was caused by medium-sized businesses. Midland made 162 provisions of between £500,000 and £5 million, at set aside provisions of less than £50,000 against loans to 7,780 business customers. Many were startup businesses, the product of the government's enterprise drive, which had little or no security and could not cope with a downturn in sales. Midland's provisions were heavily

concentrated in the property and construction industries and in the South East. The property sector soaked up 42 per cent of the total, although it accounted for barely a quarter of the bank's lending. Companies in London and the South, meanwhile, registered 60 per cent of bad debt charges, while the North, one of Midland's strongholds, took up 7 per cent.

classic bad debt might be from a small London property company that asked its bank to finance an office development in 1989, on the back of a short but successful track record. Most banks would have lent up to 80 per cent of the expected value of the completed property. That value has probably fallen 40 per cent, with the property lying empty a year after completion. With no income, the company cannot service the loan and has little chance of selling the building. The bank has few choices but to call in receivers and write off a interest. Receivers will dismiss most of the company's staff, forcing some to default on their mortgages, personal loans or credit card bills.

This year, the pattern of bad debts

to ride out the early years of recession, are beginning to fall apart. The collapses of Mountleigh and Olym-pia & York, and the refinancing at Heron show how deep the recession

and the property crash has bitten.

Barclays, which backed many of the large property groups, has suf-fered a particularly heavy blow. It is expected to make a £965 million provision for the first half of the year. All the banks have set up departments to handle problem loans. They are normally camouflaged with ano-

dyne titles, like "lending services division". Inside the banks they are known as intensive care units. Midland was one of the first to strengthen its intensive care unit, which now employs up to 45 executives grouped into five teams, as well as staff on secondment from accountancy and legal firms. They are trying to save 160 struggling companies which such owe the bank at least £3 million. The unit has a varied toolkit. Initially it asks for a detailed accoun-

tant's report, to discover whether there is a viable business that can trade its way out of trouble given time and help. If so, the bank will often increase its lending, extend existing loans or grant an interest or debt repayment moratorium. In extreme is changing. The tide of small com-pany insolvencies is easing while larger companies, which had the fat to reduce a company's interest bur-

den. The bank owns stakes in more than 20 of its customers as a result of rescues in the past two years.

David McLachlan, the group's risk management director, estimates that two thirds of the companies that are admitted to the intensive care unit are rescued. Former patients have included Mirror Group Newspapers and Brown & Jackson, the owner of the Poundstretcher discount retailer. He says: "I am absolutely sure we have saved many many millions, not only for the bank but for the companies and their shareholders. The companies we rescue will be banking with us for a very long time."

he scene in the other half of his department is less rosy. The receiverships and recoveries unit has a thousand companies on its books and is still expanding, although Mr McLachlan reports the rate of growth has begun

Receiverships and rescues take a long time and the banks are likely to have some of these problems on their books for more than a decade. Many lenders are beginning to accept the extent of the losses they have made and want to get rid of their past mistakes. This is leading to the formation of a new secondary market in corporate debt to banks.

The market developed in America, where an estimated \$13 billion of bank loans changed hands last year, and is in its infancy in Europe. Some banks, like Continental, have set up asset trading operations that allow other banks to sell or swap their loans to Maxwell, Olympia & York, WPP or Isosceles at deep discounts to their original value. The market is particularly useful to foreign banks trying to withdraw or cut back their London

The growth of new business resembles that of the sovereign debt market in the late eighties. When banks finally made full provisions against their loans to Argentina, Bulgaria or Nigeria, many decided they were ready to crystallise huge losses simply to avoid interminable rescheduling talks with each country. Barclays and National Westminster sold almost all their sovereign debt.

Corporate loan trading is less liquid than the sovereign debt market since there are fewer large debts that can be readily traded. Despite this, Westpac, the Australian bank, recently sold its loans to Maxwell Communication Corporation, which are changing hands at about 36 per cent of face value.

Another European lender swapped all its Eurotunnel debt for Mexican bonds, at about 68 per cent of face value. Alexandra McLeod, managing director of Continental's asset trading arm, says the market will grow as banks begin to write their enabling them to free themselves from some of the sins of the past - at a heavy price.

Bankers are learning to live with

their long-term bad debt burden. It may help remind them of the costs of easy credit, to customers and the

Tottenham hot seats change YET another boardroom

shakeup is on the way at Tottenham Hotspur, only a year after Alan Sugar and Terry Venables wrested control of the then financially beleaguered business. After the disposal of the non-football interests, the quoted par-ent company and the club are to share a common board. Sugar, who, by all accounts, revelled in his first season at White Hart Lane, will become chairman. Nat Solomon, who took over the hot seat when Irving Scholar and Paul Bobroff fell out in the wake of Robert Maxwell's approach two years ago, is expected to leave. Tony Berry, currently chairman of the football club. and at one point the only director holding out against Maxwell — who had demanded a unanimous boardroom decision in favour of his bid will become deputy chairman. Venables will remain chief executive, and is said to be "over the moon" at Spurs' recovery from near oblivion. So much healthier is the balance sheet, which once had debts of over £13 million, that the dub has been able to reinvest virtually all the cash received for Gascoigne and Lineker on rebuilding the

Muzak-maker

IF THE spread of background music seems relentless, you can blame, partly. Julian Huckin, chairman of International Music Services. Huckin, ex-Rediffusion, set up IMS, a Euro-consortium, last year and it is number three worldwide in "wallpaper" noise. Not content with sup-



plying three-hour cassettes to supermarkets and the like. Huckin has now joined with Sanyo to market eight-hour compact discs of canned music. He promises, however, that the long-playing CDs will improve the quality of background music rather than add to its failings. "The CDs play eight hours of different music and they have a random selec-tion facility so that you don't hear the same music in the same order again and again," Huckin says. You will still get soupy Moon River and syrupy Blue Danube, in other words, but you will have the consolation of never knowing which of the two will pop up next.

PRIZE for the most aptly named journalist of the week goes to Ilir Ikonomi, Reuter's man in Albania. Ikonomi is wiring the news agency on the G24 talks on Albania's economy, and is said to be the one East European stringer whose name the newsroom remembers instantly.

First estate

DOES Ian Kitchen, chief ex-ecutive of the 31-branch Cumberland Building Society.

know something about the housing market that others don't? While his competitors predict further gloom and doom for homeowners. Cumberland has just become the first building society in more than a year to set up in the estate agency business with an office in Carlisle. According to Kitchen, the office, which opened last month, already has 100 properties on its books, has more or less completed 20 sales, and looks likely to prosper. Far from being hullish about the housing market, however, Kitchen believes it will be "pretty difficult for some time to come" and simply believes now is a good time to invest on a modest scale. "In fact, I think it will be interesting to see who is next to withdraw," he says, predicting that at least one more major building society will pull out of the estate agency business be-fore the blood-letting stops.

Futures merger MORE than two years after Deutsche Bank took over Morgan Grenfell, the two banks finally seem to have found one area, apart from administration, where there is a complete overlap suitable for rationalisation. They are merging their futures and options businesses, which will forthwith be known as DBMG Futures & Options. The respective heads of the two operations, Rupert Lowe and Andrew Whitelock, will continue as joint chief executives. There are to be no redundancies, and all that will be saved is some money for space on the floor of Liffe. In big organisations, things move slowly, but it's refreshing to see they get there in the end.

Lloyd's pointed in wrong direction

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From Mr A. O. R. Mitchley
Sir. Mr Ian Hay Davidson's
very hucld article (July 9)
unfortunately points Lloyd's
clearly in the wrong direction.
His obsession with corporatism and outside regulation fits uncomfortably with the nature of Lloyd's membership as individual traders in numerous insurance syndicates. Neither has the experience of the remote control offered by the Financial Services Act proved much help in such disasters as the Maxwell pension fund.

force and Sir Jeremy Morse's review have failed to address, but rather have created a smoke screen, is the reform of the agency agreement, which remains the central pivot of the relationship between Lloyd's names and the agents. The agency agreement re-mains defective in a number of respects; principally the rights of the names over the running of their syndicates

DEBRA ISAAC Fulham Road, SW7. and the duties of members' agents in controlling indepen-dently the syndicate managers

on behalf of their names. Indeed, the agency agree-ment is hardly mentioned in all the recent reviews, discussions and pronouncements at Lloyd's which seem designed to add layer upon layer upon layer of new structures and procedures and place an in-creasing cost burden on names whilst letting the agents off the hook of sharing in the current disasters and in the implementation of the What the Rowland task proposed much too high level

central stop loss fund, which is very unlikely ever to be re-deemed or to save a Lloyd's name from premature Yours faithfully, ANTHONY O. R. MITCHLEY. (Former chairman of the Association of External

15 Bryanston Square,

From Dr John Paxton

Blood pressure index

Sir, Building confidence in the economic future of this coun-

try can be compared with

checking your blood pressure.
If it is high and this causes worry, it will cause the next

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City scribblers in the morning

Voting rights

From Mr H. H. Marcus Sir. All names have recently

received a letter from the chairman of Lloyd's inform-ing them of a special meeting to be held on July 27. The names were told in no uncertain manner how they are expected to vote on numerous resolutions laid before this

This action seems to me most undemocratic and inappropriate. Let names decide for themselves what they wish

Some years ago, a previous chairman urged us not to sue Mr Outhwaite's syndicate for negligence. Had we listened to him we would now be a good deal poorer! Yours sincerely H. H. MARCUS,

Letters to Business and Finance can be sent by fax on 071-782 5112.

Yours faithfully,

Moss Cottage,

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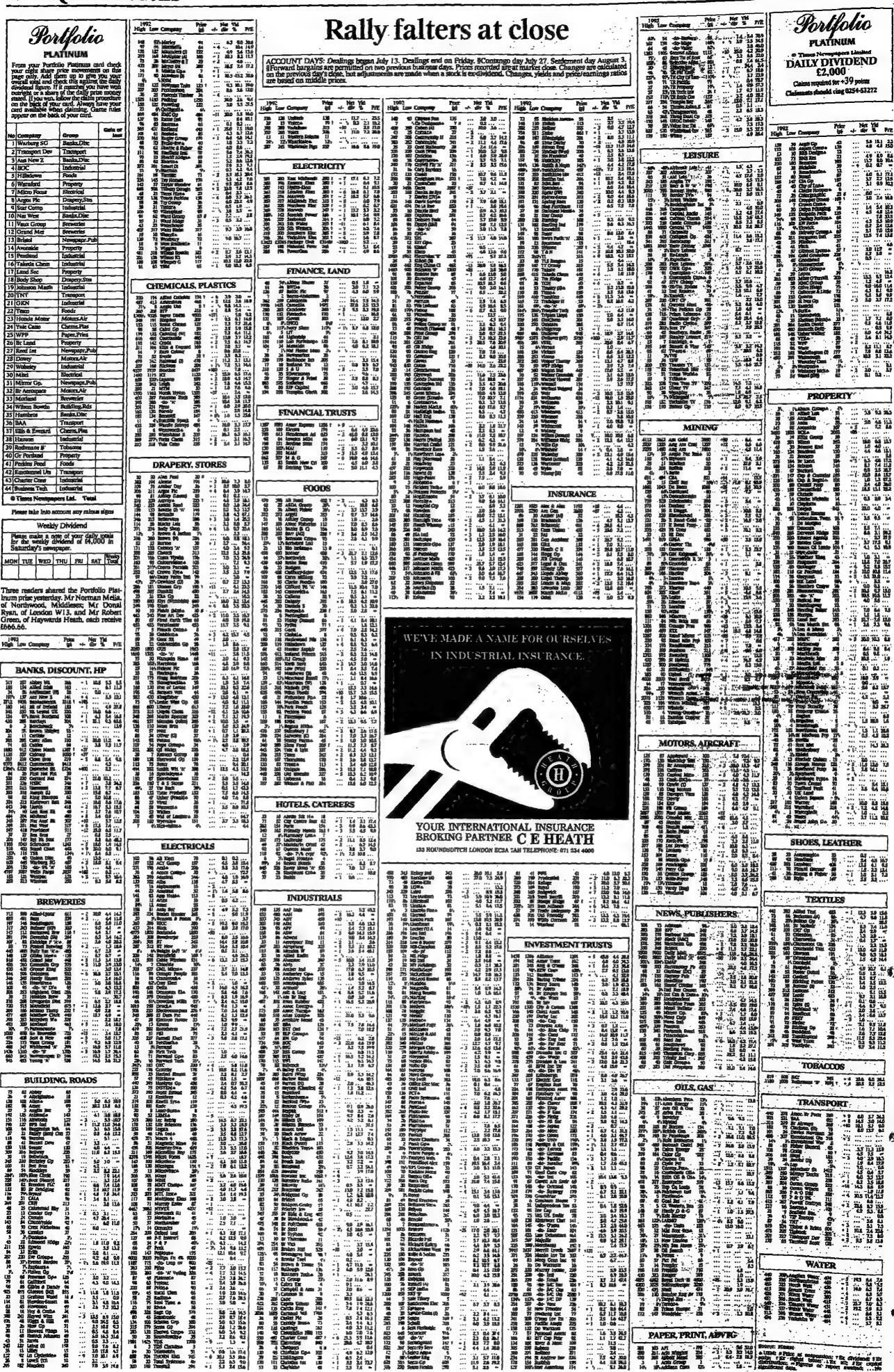
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Night Melody set to spark double for in-form Hannon

DONCASTER provides a curtain-raiser today to its historic. first Sunday fixture this coming weekend with an interesting card, and I expect Richard Hannon to top the bill by saddling a winning double. The East Everleigh trainer,

who leads the trainers' champlonship this season, numerically and for prize money, should be on the mark with Night Melody (2.30) and Lady Debra Darley (4.30).
Night Melody, who runs in

the Star Supports Sunday Racing Stakes, has already had a busy juvenile campaign, winning four of his nine

Described by his trainer as tough as teak," this Night Shift colt, who is chasing a treble, makes a speedy reappearance after winning at Catterick on Thursday. Night Melody was beaten a

neck by one of today's rivals, Area Girl, at Windsor last month, but with a 3lb pull in the weights and today's more testing track, he should take his revenge.

Lady Debra Darley aquitted herself well in handicap company for the first time with a Haggis at Newmarket early this month. Previously she had beaten Rose Indien at Salisbury and Mohammed Monbarak's filly endorsed the form with an excellent victory

at Newmarket on Saturday. Now Lady Debra Darley looks to have a fine opportunity to return to her winning ways in the Tuborg Fillies Handican
John Dunlop can capture
the Wards Sheffield Best Bit-

ter Handicap with his progressive three year-old Inan. The Arundel hopeful beat Opera Ghost — a winner since

- and Mardessa in a three-horse-contest at Haydock earlier this month, and although Mardessa reopposes on more favourable terms, I expect Inan to confirm his Sally Hall's Silveriocks made a pleasing debut when fourth behind Urry Urry Urry at York recently and with normal improvement should

open her account in the Tattersalls Maiden Auction Series

edge over Northern Graduate in the Come Racing Next Sunday Handicap. This three-year-old just failed to peg back Guy Harwood's game front-runner Bahuga at Salisbury

Mark Tompkins and his stable jockey, Philip Robinson, should be successful at Yarmouth with a double through Buffalo River (3.15) and Highbrook (4.45).



Hall: her Silverlocks is Doncaster fancy

at Catterick last week and a 5lb penalty is unlikely to stop her obliging again in the Caister Handicap.

Mick Ryan's Roca Murada. who was also successful last week, can beat the dual winner Shaieef in the Levy Board Handicap.

For the nap, though, I turn to Sandown Park's evening fixture, where Kaytak can collect the Farebrother Handicap.

The John Jenkins-trained five-year-old will relish the rain-softened ground and showed at Kempton in May that he is capable of defying a big weight when beating Good For A Loan in convincing fashion.

Henry Cecil's Mukhamedov was a warm order for his debut at Newmarket recently, but ran green and finished a disappointing sixth of seven behind Lord President.

This Robellino colt clearly has shown ability at home and is worth a second chance to lose his maiden allowance at the expense of Lord Huntingdon's Greystoke in the Travis Perkins Maiden Stakes.

Roche case delayed yet again

THE saga of Christy Roche's attempt to ride St Jovite at Ascot on Saturday continues in the Irish High Court today (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

After almost two hours legal debate in Dublin yesterday, there was still no resolution to Roche's application for an interlocutory injunction against a 15-day riding ban imposed by the Irish Turf

Legal teams from both sides in the case made representations to Justice Declan Costello, acting president of the Irish

High Court. But at 3.55pm, five minutes before the usual close of business and with no end in sight to the arguments, Justice Costello adjourned proceedings until 2pm today. The case centres on an incident at Naas on June 13

after which Roche was deemed guilty of improper riding. Peter Kelly, Roche's senior counsel, denied the injunction application was simply a way of ensuring Roche was free to

ride in the King George VI and Diamond Stakes on

Strict measures planned against illegal betting

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

A CRACKDOWN against illegal betting at Doncaster this Sunday will be carried out by police and the Jockey Chib. Several betting intelligence officers employed by the club's security department will join plain-clothed police officers in an attempt to make sure the law is not broken at the

historic race meeting.

"Any offenders will be reported to the Crown Prosecu-

WITH an inch and three-quarters of overnight rainfall changing the official going at

Ascot to good to soft yesterday.

punters were quick to latch on

to runners who could benefit

from the ease in the ground

for this Saturday's running of

the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond

Stakes (Richard Evans writes).

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Ladbrokes reported backing

Support for Sapience

as Ascot going softens

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prosecution might be brought under the Betting & Gaming Act 1963," a Jockey Club spokesman said yesterday. "If convicted, further action will be considered by the

Jockey Club's disciplinary department under the Rules of Racing which allows for such offenders to be warned off."

The warning coincided with the big bookmakers declaring how they will help punters to

Jovite remains the even money

Jeune, who needs fast ground

to show his best form and has

been well backed in recent

days, was friendless yesterday

and was pushed out from 16-1

While the Irish legal system

will determine who will, or will

not ride St Jovite, Michae!

Stoute is still to announce a

replacement for the suspended

Par Eddery on Saddlers' Hall.

The Geoff Wragg-trained

take an early price will have their bets settled at a "final price" - the last odds screened on Oracle at the time the race starts. The idea of a final price follows unsuccessful attempts to formulate a starting price

Ladbrokes will

five races by Saturday.

rices today for two of the big

handicaps being staged on

Sunday and hope to make

available prices on the other

Punters who decide not to

betting.
Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes stressed: "It will be in the best interests of clients if they take a

without having on-course

William Hill will publish prices for all seven races on Saturday and will use a similar "final price" for settling bets where punters choose not to take the odds being offered initially.

Corals will offer its own odds on about five of the seven races on Saturday.

Clients can either accept their prices or have bets settled at Tote odds. On Sunday all bets phoned through by credit clients will be setttled at Tote

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YESTERDAY'S YARMOUTH RESULTS Folkestone 2.15 Sugernar. 2.45 Good Image. 3.15 Buffalo River. 3.45 Fortensky. 4.15 Desert Peace. 4.45 Highbrook. 5.15 Roca Murada. Going: good to soft 1.46 (Im 11 49)rd) 1. Anguish (Pat Eddery, 52 hay. Our Newmarket Corresponders's 1ap); 2, Moung Force (11-1), 3, Marctior (5-1) 9 mr. Nift: Miss Magaria, The Dominant Gene. 21 of N. Cassignian Total: 24 of, 51 60, 22-90, \$1.70. Dir: \$33.90. CSF \$28.34 Tricase: \$117.89. Winner bought in for 3,800gna. 215 (Im 11 149)rd) 1, Aginocurt Song (Pat Eddery, 4-9 km), 2, High Steamnath (8-2), 3, La Joya (10-1), 8 mr. 1hr. 101. J Dunlop, Total: \$150; \$2.10, \$2.40, \$0.10; \$2.90. \$57: \$2.31. 2.45 (Im 11 149)rd) 1, Alady Splash (G Caner, 13-27; \$2.50caca (15-2), 3, Pressure Ahand (6-1), Cby Line 3-1 law, 13 mn. NR, Old Specidad Hart, Sayssma, Nt., 71. C. Oyzer Total: \$2.50, \$2.50, \$2.50, \$0.10; \$2.80. \$2.50. \$2.50, \$2.50, \$1.70. \$2.60. \$1.70. \$2.90. \$1.70. \$3.45 (Im 11 149)rd) 1, Profit: A Prendre (M Roberts, 9-4 law), 2, Bartogam (10-1); 3, \$2.50, \$2.50, \$1.70. \$1.70. \$1.70. \$1.70. \$2.50. \$3.65 (Im 47); \$1.70 mn. NR; \$2.50. \$0.10. \$3.65 (Im 61); \$2.50. \$1.70. \$2.50. \$2.50. \$3.65 (Im 61); \$3.70 mn. NR; \$2.50. \$3.65 (Im 61); \$3.70 mn. NR; \$3.80 mn. NR; \$3.8 Going: good to sait THUNDERER 2.15 Dorking Lad. 2.45 Good Image. 3.15 Poly Vision, 3.45 Fortensky, 4.15 Desert Peace, 4.45 Highbrook, 5.15 Shining Jewel. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 3.45 FORTENSKY (nap). RICHARD EVANS: 4.15 Desert Peace. 4.45 HIGHBROOK (nap). GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST 2.15 SCRATBY HANDICAP Tricart 1985.58 4.16 (S) 1, Second Chance (Pat Eddeny, 4-1); 2, Pay Haver Golf (7-4 lav); 3, Kilder Lad (25-1) 8 ran. NR Pengord, Fally Story 2, 344, Prignet Totar E4.80, 12.30, 51.40 DF; 95.90, CSF; £11 48. 445 (E5.4) Wileshitstop (1, Charc 9, 1), 2 2-1 Conti Flutter, 5-2 Superior, 3-1 On Y Vs., 7-1 Donting Ltd., 10-1 Units, 14-1 Quality Of Stampor. ta.gu. com: E11 46. 4.45 (st) 1. Wealthywoo (J Outro, 8-1), 2. Abertady (8-11 lev); 3. Ste Eshbidon (8-2), 4 an NR: Plerro, Not So Generous, Nr., Nr. Moore, Tota, £7.20 DF: 93 60 CSF, £14 87 Pleaspot £33.80. 2.45 ELIZABETH SIMPSON SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0: \$2,448:71 3yd) (6) Edinburgh

Geing: good to firm

2.00 (5m 4) 33yd) 1, Lithlen (J Wiewer, 6-4),

2. Northern Ribgdom (11-10 law); 3, Super
Bhus (7-8), 4 m., 3%l, S. H. Allen, Topic, E3 to,

DF: 11-70, CSF: 123.48, R. Allen, Topic, E3 to,

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DF: 11-70, CSF: 123.40, R. Allen, Topic, E3 to,

2.30 (57) 1, Gellany Express (5 Dullield, 7-1);

2. Kaler (5-1); 3, Cottage Gallery (5-2 law),

7 mm NR: Uppeares Sh rd, 23, G Eden, Tolic,

E3-10; 23.00, E3.30, DF: 11-19.0, CSF: E37.16

Taces: E39.48, No bid. 9-4 Michelde, 3-1 B B Glee, 4-1 Haroic Deed, 11-2 Abliene, 8-1 Good Image, 10-1 Red Bellet, 14-1 others. 3.15 J MEDLER LTD MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,080: 71 3yd) (12) 1 SANCHES (2-Y-U: 25,USU: 71 SYU) (12)
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6 DARING PAST 15 R Boss 8-7 M Roberts 7
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8 40 SYNICH 86 M Tompicine 8-4 Shakesy (7) 3
9 465 POLY VISCON 9 M Common 8-3 Film 6-0 D Holland 5
10 4332 HUMBE PARLIAMENT 61 (B) B Hillin 6-0 D Biggs 11
11 00 MANIOY 30 C W C Elbay 7-12 D Biggs 11
12 DO MANIOY 30 C W C Elbay 7-12 Robert River 7.3 Film 16-15 River 13 (3) 8
1 Broth Maria 3, 1 Brother River 7.2 Marine Middle Stream River 12, 1 Brother 15 Film 16-15 River 13 Fil Paci Eddery & E1.60, UP 'E1 '90 CSF: 53.48, 4.30 (Im 16-d) 1, Bidwegya (D Pears, 7-2); 2, The Dandy Don (9-2); 2, Super Summit (9-1 lan), 8 ren. 51, ns. J Eyre, Tole, £4.30; 51.40, 51.80, £1.30. DF: £7.80, CSF, £17.91, Tricone; £45.74. 11-4 Poly Visigs, 3-1 Bullato River, 7-2 Mater Blate, Snowy River, 10-1 Daving Past, 14-1 others. 245.74. \$.00 (1m 3f 33yd) 1, Explosive Speed (Dean McKeown, 11-8); 2, Hantey's Hands (8-11 lay); 3, Kenyatis (16-1) 4 mm NP; Fanyat NI, 1741, M. Hammond, Tota: E3 00 DF; £1 40 CST: 52 53. Pleaspot £59,50

MONDAYSEATE RESULTS

Windsor Going: good to firm

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esong: good to firm 6.20 (5/ 217yd) 1, Hy Wilma (7 Sprake, 10-1), 2, Kyrenia Gerne (2-1 fax); 3, De Chine (5-1), 9 ran. NR. Alter The Last, Downlands Arls. 2i, SI, R Hodges, Tole: 13.30; 23.90, 61.40, 22.80. DF: £17.70. CSF: £31.46. 8.45 (1m 21 7yd) 1, Vratislav (S Cauthen, 9-2); 2, Hang Ten (4-5 fav), 3, Jacle Green (3-1), 7 mm 10l, 1i. J Gosden, Tote: £3.40; £1.80, £1.10. DF: £3.50. CSF. £8.49. 7.10 (Im 67yc) 1, Lamore Ritoma (D Biggs, 20-1); 2, Varroy (3-1); 3, Aragon Court (50-1), Duneltor 11-10 fav 10 ran. ½i, 2ht. K. Curmingham-Brown. Tote. 21, 40, 12.20, £1.40, £8.60 DF, £33.00. CSF: £81.27. CSF: 281.27.
7.40 (Im 31 135yd) 11; Wassi This Then (R Price, 11-2), 11; Incola (C Rutter, 7-4 Fev); 3; Poisstatic (9-2), 6 ran Dd-ht, 2; Wassi This Then, D Arbuthot - Incola, H Candy, Toter Wassi This Then £2.40, incola £1.40, DF: £6.30 CSF. Wassi This Then £6.50.

8.10 (Sf 217yd) 1, Dark Eyed Lady (T Ourn., 10-1); 2, Pizza Connection (4-5 Fay); 3, Moving Image (9-2), 6 ran NR Walnut Burl. 11, Sl. D Arbuthnot. Tota: \$5.50; \$2.10, \$1.20. DF: £3.20 CSF... £18.37 8.40 Race abandoned due to adverse weather conditions Nottingham Going: good to soft

6.15 (bt 15yd) 1, Maribella (T Cunn, 4-9 fav); 2, Sabo's Express (9-1); 3, Evergreen Tempo (16-1), 8 ren. 8, nk. P Cole. Tota: £1.30; £1.00, £2.90, £3.50 DF. £5.20 CSF: £5.41. 6.45 (61 15yd) 1, Shiro (R Cochrane, 8-1); 2, Tropical Waters (9-2), 3, Bold Face (5-1). Smarginato 11-4 tav. 14 ran. %1, 71. R Walliams. Total: £17-60; £4.90, £2.40, £2.00 DF: £174 80. CSF. £43.50. 7.20 (61 Syd) 1, Samson-Agonistes (S Sanders, 11-2); 2, Meinder Habit (20-1); 3, Pretoric (4-1) - Hav) Nuclear Express 4-1; Hav. 10 ran. 3(1, 3); 8 McMahon. Tote. 94,60; 52.00, 53.20, 52.10 DF. 546.90. CSF. 150.77. 7.50 (1m 6f 15yd) 1, My Swen Song (A Gerth, 50-1), 2, Greenwich Bambi (11-4 fay); 3, Lookingforarambow (A-1), 10 nan. 2, 15-1 J. Smith. Tote: £23.00, £4.30, £2.30, £1.70 DF £343.20 CSF. £173.66 Trienst: £541.39

8.20 (1m 54yd) 1. Petargonia (Pat Eddery, 4-9 tav); 2. Harneem (7-1); 3. Queen Caroline (5-1) 6 ran. 4l, 2kl. R Charton Tote: C1.20; £1.10, £3.10. DF-£2.30. CSF-£4.19. 8.50 (1m 54yd) 1, Legend Duiac (P Robinson, 7-4 fav); 2, Nellegrity (9-2); 3, Winged Writsper (13-2), 7 ran, NR: So Beguilting, J. Hama, 2, 2, Tote: \$2.40; \$1.90, \$2.50, DF; \$3.40, CSF; CSF; \$9.33 Tricast: \$35.29.

Placepot; £10.10

FEDERAL MANDARIN 6.30 HI Nod. 7.00 Redisham. 7.30 Broctune Grey. 6.00 Densben. 6.30 Nile Delta. 9.00 The Bethanian. 8.30 Hi Nod. 7.00 Redisham. 7.30 Broctune Grey. 8.00 Love Jazz. 8.30 Nile Delta. 9.00 The Bethanian. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 8.00 Density GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

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6.30 ANIMAL HEALTH TRUST SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,511: 71) (6 runners)

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Prize scheme for breeders

RACEHORSE breeders are to events, will go to the breeder of benefit from a £575,000 prize- the winner. money scheme to be introduced next year.

The Horserace Betting Levy Board yesterday announced plans intended to encourage breeders to concentrate on producing quality animals. From January 1 1993, 17.5

Over jumps, the scheme will cover all novice and maiden races, both chases and hurdles. The Levy Board chairman, Sir John Sparrow, said: "The fundamental aim of the

scheme is to promote quality, per cent of the prize-money for all Flat two-year-old races, except sellers and apprentice for owners ended last year.



Leaders made to struggle in absence of England trio

Patient Moody gets Worcestershire away to flying start

KIDDERMINSTER (first day of three; Essex won toss): Worcestershire have scored 364 for four wickets against

RAMPANT Essex, the county championship leaders, chose to field yesterday and then conceded an impressive 178 to Tom Moody, who was in a commanding mood. Five wins, several from unpromising positions, in their last six games — the other match was a rain-ruined draw — make it risky to suggest that Essex

A side lacking Gooch, Pringle and Childs because of Test-match calls, though, certainly faces a hard struggle. Foster thought hard before he asked Worcestershire to bat. It seemed the right decision on an overcast morning with thunderstorms expected. In fact, only four overs were lost to rain early on and most of the play took place in strong

camp in Darwin to prepare for their tour of Sri Lanka. In what could be one of his last championship innings, he looked intent on a massive score from the start. Next season, Moody hopes to tour England with the Australians and Worcestershire in future intend to fill their overseas place with a fast bowler.

Moody took no risks and was perfectly willing to pass through several passive peri-ods, not least after he reached 150. By then D'Oliveira had partner of three consecutive stands dominated by the Australian, whose drives, as usual, tended to leave fieldsmen wringing their hands.

Essex never bowled less than steadily in their first championship match on this smallish club ground. It was used regularly by Worcester-shire between 1921 and 1973, before there was a gap until they returned in 1987. Moody next week leaves to join an Australian training

The pitch has a reputation for pace and for yielding tall scores, but recent rain was

South Africa plan ahead

been invited to make a long tour of South Africa in 1994-5, Peter McDermott, the chairman of the New Zealand Cricket (NZC), said vesterday.

McDermott said he had discussed the details with Ali Bacher, the general manager of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, during the re-cent International Cricket Council meeting in London. "Ali said he would announce all the details, but the basic shape of the tour is that we will play four daytime one-day

first-innings wickets in hand.

HAMPSHIRE'S champion-

ship aspirations, so high less

than a month ago, took a

further turn for the worse

yesterday. Deprived of four of

their first five batsmen by

injuries and Test match

claims, they ran into Courtney

Waish with his tail up and

When Hampshire won the

Benson and Hedges Cup, talk

of a championship challenge

was strong. They are still

second but have won only one

of their last five championship

matches while Essex have

built up a significant lead.

With Smith and Gower on

Test duty, and James and

Terry injured, meeting Waish

was about the last thing they

subsided meekly.

are 141 behind Hampshire

internationals, followed by three five-day Tests, and then go into four day-night one-day internationals," he said.

Details of the tour come as the NZC deals with a hold-up to the announcement of the Pakistan and Australian itineraries in New Zealand at the end of this year. "The reason for this is that we have changed the criteria for the placing of international matches, and at present are trying to complete negotiations with several ground authorities." McDermott

Walsh hammers Hampshire

By Peter Ball

long tail proved little more

than cannon fodder as he mowed them down, taking six

for 24 in a 14-over second

spell. His fifth five-wicket haul

took him past 50 wickets for

fragile look, making the deci-

sion of Nicholas to bat first

look questionable on a pitch

used for the previous match

and which had been covered

during the downpour on

Monday and so escaped the

rain. Even so, wet run-ups

delayed the start until after an

From the start, Hampshire

were up against it, Morris falling at short leg. Walsh failed to get a wicket in his first

spell, as Cox was dropped in

the same place, but it made

little difference, the left-

hander spending 31 balls over

early lunch.

Hampshire's batting had a

responsible, presumably, for it playing more slowly than usu-al, though some bounce was available, not least for Foster. He allowed Ilott and Andrew the new ball and mostly bowled off a short run when he did join the attack, but Moody's height enabled him to cope more confidently than his partnets when the ball Essex achieved an early

breakthrough when Curtis mis-hooked and was held at long leg. Andrew, the bowler, might also have had Weston caught behind in his first over. After this it was a long day's toil for the bowlers. Weston was held at short leg off Waugh with the score on 69 before Leatherdale helped Moody to add 113 in 31

Leatherdale then edged the first ball Such bowled, which went straight on, to first slip. For someone whose adrenaling must have been running high after his six for 17 against Sussex the previous day, it was slightly surprising that Such. the sixth bowler used, was not called upon until the 60th over. He was then given a lot of work and always inspired

Moody at tea was 137, having just given his first chance, a hard one to midwicket off Such. A second error came when he was 160 and he was put down in the slips off Ilott. He was finally dismissed near the close when llott, running round the long-les boundary, clung to a lofted pull off Andrew.

Moody batted for a shade over four hours, hit 25 fours and faced 258 balls on the way to his fourth century this summer. He and D'Oliveira



Delicate touch: Moody glances Foster to leg for four at Kidderminster yesterday

Morris entertains the few

By Ivo Tennant

DERBY (first day of three; Middlesex won toss): Derby-shire have scored 175 for three wickets against Middlesex

word when John Morris is at the crease, and his innings yesterday was no exception. His 82 off 126 bails was deserving of more than a smattering of spectators who did not, alas, include an England selector on his way to Headingley. Derbyshire, put in to bat following overnight rain and the loss of 49 overs, made as competent a start as

clinical certainty. Other than one all-run four when Tufnell, of all fleiders, managed to catch up with the ball in front of the old grandstand, it was pretty effortless too. Not for him the scampered single.

In a couple of years Morris opener on a pitch of slow, low

will be 30 and bulkier still, so bornice there will be a preponderance of fours in all his lengthy partner, Bowler, was the one innings. Whether there will be Middlesex particularly prized. any further Test caps is another matter. He should no longer be in the doghouse for his airborne japes with Gower in Australia. Even if he does really believe

the England manager does not want him back, he only has to wait until September. when the incumbent changes. There can be no doubting that he is too gifted to have made a mere three England appearances - although not so gifted as to lose his wicket as Gower might have done. The ball from Williams to which he played on was not quite there to be nulled.

Still, it is hard to carp when his partner, in a second-wicket

The wicket of his opening since he came to the crease averaging no less than 96.66. If he can flaunt this come the end of the season, he, too, will be looking to the presence of the selectors. It did drop somewhat when he was leg-before in the sixth over, half forward to Williams.

There was a wicket, too, for Emburey but none, alas, for Fraser, who as ever gave as much as he could. Two years ago he was England's best bowler and as such known to every tancy announcer in the land. Yesterday, his name was muddled up, probably because he has not been in the public eye. Not even Morris has been anything like so unlucky.

PAPED CHICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Milichells and Bulles CC: Warwickshine v Surrey: No play

CWJ Athey, "A J Wright, MW Alleyne, JTC Vaughen, †R C Russell, C A Watsh, A M Smith, M C J Ball and M Davies to bat,

Umpires: J W Holder and R C Tolchard.

Worcs v Essex

KIDDEHMINSTER (first day of three; Bases won toss): Worcestershire have scored 364 for four wickets against Ease.

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T S Curitis & Rott b Andrew
W P C Weston & Shahid b Waugh

S.S. P. Stephenson, P.J. Prichard, M.E. Waugh, N. Hussein, N. Shehid, J.J. B. Lawis, 1M.A. Garrham, "N.A. Foster, S.J. W. Andrew, M.C. Bott and P.M. Such.

Glamorgan v Yorka

CARDIFF (first day of times: Yorkshire won loss): Yorkshire have scored 286 for so wickets against Glamorgan

YORKSHIRE: First findings

M A Robinson, P J Hartley, J D Batty to bet

Score after 100 overs: 236-6.

Bonus points: Words 4, Essex 1. Umpires: H D Sird and A A Jones.

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Total (no witt, 12 oveds)

Bonus points: Glaucy A, Havita O

Faldo hoping to lead England in Dunhill Cup

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

NICK Faldo hopes to captain England in the Alfred Dunhill Cup, renamed to coincide with a new format being intro-duced, against 15 other teams at St Andrews from October

His presence in Scotland as Open champion would be a tangible reward for the spectators to whom he expressed his gratitude at Muisfield. They were very supportive

to me at a vital time and I think they realise I am seeking a greater rapport with them,"
Faldo said. "They are the ones
I take my inspiration from and I owe them so much." Faldo, however, said that his schedule might not allow him to play in the world march play championship at Went-worth (October 8-11) or the Volvo Masters at Valderrama October 29 to November 1), which brings the curtain down on the PGA European Tour. He is considering competing for England in the World Cup in Madrid from November

play in the Bridgestone tour-nament (October 22-25) or the Tailneyo Masters (November 12-15) in Japan. He also has an invitation to the PGA Grand Slam tournament, to be held in Hawaii on Novem-

ber 16 and 17. 32 year 30.5 Faldo must choose between taking part in the Million Dollar Classic in South Africa, or the Johnnie Walker Classic, in Australia, which are being played simuliancousif from December 3-6. He will play in the Johnnie Walker world championship which will be held in Jamaica from. His next appearance will be in the Scandinavian Masters which begins tomorrow week. That will be followed by the US PGA championship at Bellerive, St Louis, from August 13-16. He will then take three weeks off before playing in the European Open at Sunningdale (from Septem-ber 10-13) and the Lancome Trophy in Paris (from Septem-

Paido has been made 7-1 Paldo has been made 1-1 favourite with Coral, who paid out £500,000 for his Open win, for the US PGA championship. "I will go out early to acclimatise." Faldo said. "I have never played the course but I know it will be hot and

Meanwhile, the Alfred Dunhill Cup is to introduce a round-robin procedure, with the 16 teams being divided into groups of four. The final will be played over 18 holes on Sunday afternoon, with the three-man winning team sharing £300,000.

☐ Florence Descampe, of Belfirm, finished tied for ninth place in the JAL Big Apple Classic in New York on Sunday, but she is not one of the Open at Oakmont this week (Patricia Davies writes).

Descampe shot 73 in qualifying at Lake Nona last week and, ever impulsive, decided it was not good enough. She was on her way to New York when Trish Johnson and Sue

Shapcott, who also had 73, a qualified at the third hole of a play off.

Other European qualifiers were Suzanne Strudwick, Lisa Walton, Pam Wright, Marta Figueras-Dotti and Karen

Drummond sets the early target

Shifnal, celebrated his ap- a bogey at the fourth and a pointment as captaint of the bindle at the eighth, had two England boys team for the incit begays and two birdles international matches at Roy in his second nine. McGuirk, at Mid-Surrey next month, the son of the owner of with a level-par 71 in the first. Princes, was four over par stroke play championship for the Carris Trophy at Hesketh, Southport, yesterday.

But he had to share the lead with Stuart Taylor, a twohandicap golfer from nearby Hillside, who had a birdie at the 18th for his 71 and a oneshot advantage over Francis McGuirk, of Princes, and Charles Challen, of Stoke

Poges.

Drummond, a member of the team that finished second in the European champion-ship at Conwy a fortnight ago, set an early target. First out, he was two under par after ten holes, but dropped shots at the 12th, where he three-putted and the short 16th, where he missed the green.

spirited recovery with three birdies in his last seven holes. LEADING SCORBE: 71: S G Drummond Shinell, S Taylor Glistole, 72: F McGrain Shinell, S Taylor Glistole, 72: F McGrain Shinell, S Taylor Glistole, 72: F McGrain Shinell, S Taylor Glistole, 74: A Johnson Gisphanell, M B Posin (Markson), M Gliston Scho), G Smith South City, P Lawrence Guent-Herric, G Jaridan (Garlisonth), 75: J Hessey (Aut), R J Bah (Emister Dubel), J H Creven (Doncaster), J Kright (Sendord Springs), P L Kenyon (Hillstole).

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Nick Faldo hopes to keep his promise to "put a bottle of whisky in every pub in Scot-land, to thank the supporters who cheered him to his Muirfield victory. It is estimated that it would cost Faldo, or a whisky company if they take up the idea on his behalf. around £57,000. There are 5,695 public houses in Scotland.

FOOTBALL

Cambridge players to go on tour in disharmony *

PROBLEMS continued to mount for Cambridge United yesterday. No sooner had Richard Wilkins, a midfield player, pulled out of the club's pre-season tour to Sweden than new contracts were being refused by two more players, Michael Cheetham and Andy Fensome. Wilkins stayed behind to

train with the Cambridge United youth team because he wants to move and cannot afford to be out of the country when transfer activity is beginning to pick up. Cheetham, a winger, and Fensome, a full back, were upset at being offered the same terms by the club's manager, John Beck, that they rejected three months ago. "I think it is a disgrace," Cheetham said. "It makes you wonder about the ambition of the club."

find a solution to Diego Maradona's contract dispute and clear the way for his return to the game. Havelange said that Fife was prepared to mediate between Maradona and Napoli in end the deadlock over the Argentiman's refusal to honour the last year of his contract.

"A player like Maradona

with his qualities should not be lost to football," Havelange said. Argentina's former World Cup captain, who completed a 15-month ban for drug abuse last month, refuses to return to Napoli although the club has ordered him to report for training. Maradona's personal manager, Marcos Franchi, hopes to meet the player today to discuss Fifa's plan.

Havelange is also proposing that the age limit of 45 for referees, imposed from 1994, be reduced still further. The present limit of 50 is too old. according to Havelange, who claimed that 40-42 are the best years for referees. The average age of officials at the Olympic Games, a trial run for the World Cup, is 38-40.

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Beck, under fire for his controversial playing style from departed players, Steve Claridge and Colin Baille, responded: "I shall continue to do what I believe in and which is in the best interests of Cambridge United."
João Havelange, the president of Fifa, has promised to

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a single before falling to Ball. The leader in the averages Middleton, however, resist-Millns quick to make his mark against Durham

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

MARTYN Moxon, the Yorkshire captain, and David Millns, the Leicestershire fast bowler, who must have come very close to selection for the Headingley Test, advanced their England prospects yesterday by providing further examples of their consistency. Moxon's 103 against Gla-morgan at Cardiff was his

fourth century in only 12 innings in an injury-restricted season. But he lost his title as the county's only century-mak-er when Richard Blakey, his partner in a fourth-wicket stand of 117, also reached three figures just before the close, when Yorkshire were 286 for six.

The mopping up after Mon-day's storms took longer at Leicester than at any other ground but Millns soon made up for lost time, capturing the



Moxon: fourth century

first four Durham wickets in a 19-ball burst to take his season's total to 55. He shares the leadership of the bowlers' rable with Courtney Walsh. Parker and Henderson managed to see off Millns but the collapse later resumed against Mulially as Durham staggered to 130 for eight.

Jamie Hall, the Sussex opening batsman was unbeaten with 140, the best score of his career, when the declaration came at 342 for five at Hove against an injury weakened Lancashire team, led for the first time by the wicketkeeper, Warren Hegg. David Smith, who made 105, his second century in three innings, dominated the opening partnership of 172 with

Paul Atkins, who has made infrequent appearances since his promising debut in 1988, is in sight of his maiden championship century for Surrey at the Oval. After being put in by Nottinghamshire, Surrey reached 150 for the loss of Darren Bicknell, who, with Atkins (72 not out), put on 118 for the first wicket.

Kent, without the injured Benson and Taylor, had to struggle against the Somerset fast bowlers at Canterbury, despite fierce himing by Matthew Fleming. He took 30 off two overs from the promising Andrew Caddick, who has taken three of the seven wickets that have fallen for 195.

CHELTENHAM (first day of the can and the composition of the can and the can an hay, punishing Ball when the off-spinner strayed. At 100 for two, with Middleton reaching a sprightly 50 off 97 balls. Hampshire were quite con-tent. Then Waish returned and Cheltenham lost its charm.

It took Walsh three overs to get Nicholas into his sights but, when he did, the contest was short, Nicholas jabbing him to short leg. In his next over, Middleton was trapped leg-before on the back foot and Walsh was into the tail.

In the course of four overs from the fast bowler after tea. Hampshire were swept aside. Marshall was picked up at guily: Ayling got a brute that flew and looped off the top of the bat to slip; Aymes played on: and Udal was hit on the hand and forced to retire. He returned at the death but Hampshire's cause was yond resuscitation.

Sussen v Lunca

SUSSEX: First Innings

Tatal (5 wids dec, 90.1 overs) 342

C.C.Remy, A.C.S.Pagratt. 1.D.K.Seifelbury, A.N. Jonnes and E.S.M.Galdina gild not ball.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-172, 2-180, 3-229, 4-304, 5-342.

BOWLING, Martin 20-8-68-0; Fletcher 13-3-57-1, Chapple 12-1-55-0; Filton 28.1-6-81-4; Barnett 11-2-31-0; Irani 6-0-39-0.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

N J Speak, G D Lloyd, "TW K Hegg, R C Iran, J D Ritton, P J Martin, G Chapple, S D Fletcher and A A Barmett.

Umpires: G A Stickley and A G T Whitehead

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LEICESTER (first day of three. Leicester-shire won loss). Duriem have scored 130 for eight wickets against Leicestershire

DURHAM: First innings

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IC W Soot not out
S M McEwan c Benson b Mulially
S A Graverey not out

Total (8 wids, 41 overs) _

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16 2-16, 3-31, 4-39, 5-82, 6-82, 7-86, 8-100.

LEICESTERISMIRE: TJ Boon, "N E Brers. J J Whateler, B F Smith, J D R Benson, L Potler, V J Wells, †P A Negan, W K M Benjamin, D J Millins and A D Mullatly.

Umpires: J.C. Balderstone and B.J. Meyer

Northauts v Warwicks

NORTHAMPTON (first day of three; North-

Bonus points, Leics 3, Durham 0.

Sources (No. 1, nb. 2)

Bonus points: Sussex 4, Lancashire 2.

Total (no wkt, 8 overs) ...

ENTERTAINMENT is a by-

they could have expected. Morris also batted with

stand of 124, managed 36 in

43 overs. Brown has all the necessary attributes to make

There were 12 fours, the majority cleanly driven or whipped away with grandeur.

YESTERDAY'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARDS WESTER amptonishire won total, Northamptonishire have scored 307 for seven wickets against Warnickshire R P Dave not out NORTHANDTONSHIRE: First Invited THE HOVE (first day of three; Lancashire won tose). Lancashire, with all first-innings wichels in hand, are 319 runs behind forces:

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R J Balley c Moles o Smell

R J Balley c Moles o Smell

A J Lamb not out

D J Capel c Piper b P A Smell

K M Curran c Small b Reeve

10 Robey c Ostler b Small

A R Roberts c Piper b Reeve Total (7 wkts, 91 overs) 307

J P Taylor and R M Pearson to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-4, 3-50, 4-71, 5-102, 5-195, 7-301 WARMINGSHITTE AJ Moles, R G Twose, T A Lloyd, D P Ostler, T L Perney, D A Reeve, N M K Smith, P A Smith, †K J Piper, G C Smell and A A Donald. Umpires DR Shephard and B Leadbeate

Derbys v Middlesex DERBY (first day of three: Middlesex won toss): Derbyshire have scored 175 for three wokets against Middlesex DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

P D Bowler low b Walliams A M Brown c Taylor b Emburey J E Morns b Walliams T J G O'Gorman not out Extrats (b 1, b 10, nb 7) .

Boras ports: Derbys 1, Middlesso 1 Umpres: D J Constant and P B Wight CORRECTION. July 20: Derbyshre v Palustans, Derbyshie second mings: add bowling: Watum 11-12-1, Mustaba 15-5-18-0, Aarner 3-2-1-1. Kern v Samerset

CANTERBURY (first day of three, Kent won toss) Kent have scored 195 for seven wickers against Somerset KENT: First Immige
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G R Cowdrey b Snet
W Florming b Trump
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Total (? wkts, 68 overs) M J McCague and A P ligglesden to bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-33, 3-61, 4-62, 5-132, 6-187, 7-188. 5-132, 6-187, 7-189.
SOMERSET: A N Hayhurst, M N Lathwell,
"C J Tavare, R J Harden, G D Rose, th D
Burns, G T J Townsend, R P Snell, R P
Letebure, A R Caddick and H R J Townp.
Bonus points: Kent 1, Somerset 3,
Umpires: R Pelmer and N T Plews. Surrey v Notts

THE OVAL (first day of three; Nottingham-shire won toes): Surray have scored about 150 for one wicket against Nottinghamshire SURREY: First Innings J Excinell a Robinson & Mike Extras (fb 4, w 1, nb 4) .

W Miles.

Bortus points: Surrey 1, Notes 0.

Limpines, V A Holder and H A White.

CORRECTION: 20 July: Surrey v Warvetch-shirer A J Stewart law b Doneld 4, not as previously published.

Glovers v Hams CHELTENHAM COLLEGE First day of

three; Harreshire won toss): Gloucaster-shire, with all first-kinings wickels in hand, are 141 runs behind Hampshire HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

Extras (fb 3, rb) 5) ... Transi (63.3 overs)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-23, 3-55, 4-172, 5-231, 8-232 GLAMORGAN: S P James, H Monts, A Dale, "M P Maynard, I V A Richerds, O L Hemp, R D B Croft, TC P Meason, S L Wasen, S R Barvick and M Frost.

Extras (653, nb 1).

Total (6 wkta) ...

Borrus points: Glamorgan 2 Yorkshire 2. Umpires: 8 Dudiction and 8 Starts.

Adelaide misses out in its bid to host Commonwealth event

Malaysia awarded 1998 Games

FROM DAVID MILLER IN BARCELONA

THE future of the Commonwealth Games was saved, for he time being, by yesterday's preference for Kuala Lumpur, ather than Adelaide, as host ity for 1998. The federation rote was 40 against 25. Ma-aysia becomes only the second leveloping-country host, fol-owing Kingston, Jamaica, in

The Games are already inder threat from the cornnercial attractions of individ-'ial world championships and . . . lack of television coverage. The continued dominance of he white dominions and Britun would have disillusioned he rest of the Commonwealth the point of disintegration. Alex Lee, a life member of he Cambridge University lawks sports club and the

nastermind behind the Kuala umpur bid, had estimated they could win by some half dozen votes. At the presentaon yesterday, Kuala Lumur's message to the commonwealth Games Fedration was simple: If we annot win after all we have one, who from the developig world can? There were no uestions

By an odd twist of events, ...ngland, who were voting for delaide, destroyed their canidate's intended trump card. he Australians had offered - ntract-guaranteed free air avel, heavily weighted in ryour of the smaller countries nd with the five, white, ... irmer hosts -- England, Scotnd, Canada, New Zealand nd themselves, plus rivals oly minimum aid. England bled a prior motion for even avel distribution. When this as carried 42-23, the mood gainst Adelaide was clear. Adelaide, whose presentaon was first, attempted to nphasise that Kuala Lumirs was a political bid, hereas their's was sportsientated: that the Pederation iould vote for sports efficincy and comfort.

Adelaide was aware that the

ommonwealth heads of gov-

attractive programme, was that Kuala Lumpur's planned £250 million Olympic sports complex more than matches anything they could offer in technology. The new Malaysian Olympic stadium will be inaugurated for the junior World Cup of 1997.

There had been one worry for Kuala Lumpur: the defection in the past 48 hours of several African countries, following the vote by Malaysia's

ernment had strongly supported their rivals. The problem-

for Adelaide, with a most

Question time: Sam Ramsamy, head of South Africa's Olympic committee, in Barcelona yesterday. Report page 26

International Olympic Committee member, Hanzah, for France, rather than Morocco. in the recent football World Cup decision by Fifa, also for 1998. On the day, however, although Adelaide held their expected nucleus of 25 votes, Kuala Lumpur swept the field among the floaters.

Sonny de Sales, chairman of the Games federation, said afterwards: "The federation made apparent its view that the Games have to be rotated, and the decision was in the interest of sport in the developing world." Sir James Hardy, the renowned racing yachtsman and South Australian wine grower, said, with characteristic magnanimity: "I'm proud I've been part of keeping the Commonwealth

The president of the IOC, Juan Antonio Samaranch. was reported last night by several colleagues to have decided to run for another term of office next year. This is no more than expected, demonstrating Samaranch's determination to over-ride recent

criticisms of IOC conduct and

policy.

A United Nations security council committee confirmed from the former republic of Yugoslavia could participate in Barcelona but that they would not compete in any team competitions. It was also innounced that athletes from Yugoslavia, now consisting only of the republics of Serbia and Montenegro, could not participate in the opening parade ceremonies. (AFP)

GUIDE TO BRITAIN'S MEDAL PROSPECTS: DAY THREE

Phelps heads quest to turn bronze into gold



PEAKING for five sports at the years of comperefine. Richard

Phelps, Dominic Mahony and Graham Brookhouse. winners of the modern pentathlon team bronze for Britain at the Seoul Olympics and chosen again for Barcelona, have such experience.

Since the next Olympics, in Atlanta, is likely to be only an individual contest, the British trio will be eager this time to be the last team gold medal. Given that they draw Given favourable horses for the show jumping on the closing day. their chances of emerging as

champions seem strong. Indeed, Phelps, one of the most streetwise men in the sport, is a candidate for the individual gold. His defeat by Mahony in the national championship last month has to be taken in the context of a heavy training load and not as a tapering off of form. Peaking in Spain is what matters.

MODERN PENTATHLON TEAM

Mahony, a serving Army officer, should bolster morale and points in the opening day's fencing which involves 65 fights. Ground will proba-bly be conceded in the next morning's shooting but the British fight-back will start through Phelps and Brookhouse in the pool and all three will excel in the next

day's cross-country running. For the 18-obstacle show jumping the relationship be-tween rider and an unfamiliar mount is crucial. Reduced normally dominant Russians and Hungarians insufficiently prepared. The Hungarians captured team gold at Seoul in 1988 but at Corby this May, in a World Cup contest won individualy by Brookhouse, took the team event by only a point from the three Britons.

MICHAEL COLEMAN

Boardman pursues his case



man, Britain's multi-champion cyclist. know on Monwhether the rest of the world has stood still this season while he has gone

His benchmark will be a comparison between his time in the 1991 world championships 4,000 metres qualifying round and Monday's pursuit eliminator, which opens the Olympic track programme at the Horra Velodrome.

Boardman has had all the back-up he could wish for in his preparation. At the start of the year, a place among the eight qualifiers looked certain. Now, talk is of a medal. It would be the first individual track success for a Briton since Reg Harris's sprint silver and Tommy Godwin's time-trial

The optimism stems from the British champion's known form and an eve-of-Games bonus in the shape of a revolutionary design of cycle that could knock seconds off his personal best time of 4min 31.4sec in Stuttgart last year.

Look to Germany to dominate the track events and keep an open mind about the road

PETER BRYAN

THE BRITISH CYCLING TEAM.

CHRISTOPHER BOARDMAN: Born August 35, 1968. Catterbridge, Wiral Event: indive-ted and team pursuit. Ht 5th pm. Wt 11st 5tb. Honours: Commonwealth bronze 1986, Whiteless, Event team time-tial Ht 88 Sr. Wt. 11st 70 Honours: Brisis Best Al-Round award 1980 STEPHEN FARRELL: Born: June 18, 1965, Stote-on-free, Event team time-trail Ht 58, Wt. 11st 78 Honours: MB Race 1980,

1, second
PAUL JEMINIASE Born: February 20, 1973.
Reddisch, Event: team pursust. Ht 68 2n Wt:
13st 5tb. Honouris; world jurior 1991, fourth
SMON LILLISTONIE Born: February 13,
1999, Shrewsbury Event: poursa, team
juriust. Ht: 68 Wt. 13st Honouris.
Commonwealth bronze: 1990.
PETER LONGBOTTONI: Born: May 13,
1959, Huddersfeld: Event: team trans-hist
Ht: 58 Bin. Wt. 8st 13tb. Honouris.
Commonwealth bronze: 1980.
BRYAN STEEL: Born: Jeruary 5, 1966.

CYCLING

Roche rolls back the years to savour brief taste of glory

EPHEN Roche revived emories of his glory days e years ago when he came me alone to win the sixmin stage of the Tour de ance in La Bourboule

sterday. The irishman defied the ars and a nagging back ... ury to complete the 212km ige from St Etienne in 5hr min 14sec. For all his oblems, Roche, 32, looked ery bit as fit as he did when won the Tour in 1987, the - ; emorable year in which he so took the Giro d'Italia and e world championship. With Miguel Indurain taining the leader's yellow

> audio Chiappucci, has lost I serious hope of catching the caniard and denying him a cond successive victory. Roche made his break 5km from the finish, egged 1 by Chiappucci, who fin-hed fifth, and no one was ple to stay with him. Second ace went to Vyacheslav ekimov, of Russia, who was

Roche's team-mate,

By Our Sports Staff

Roche shrugged off his back injury, which has hampered him throughout the Tour but him throughout the four but has not stopped him from staying in the top ten. "You just have to live with it," he said. "But it is a pity it is holding me back with the form I am in.

"All the way to the finishing line. I didn't know if I could hold on. But I knew that this was my last real chance to win a stage today."



Roche admitted that he was .disappointed that he has not been able to challenge for the lead. "My one real regret is that in 1987, when I won the Tour, I didn't really appreciate it," he said. "So it would have

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Overall positions: 7, includin, 79hr 5mm 00sec; 2 Chiappuce, at Imin 42sec; 3, Hermosten, 8,07; 4, Lino, 2-22; 5, Bugno, 10:06; 6, P Delegado (Sp.) Benesten, 11:50; 7, Breutenk, 15:54; 8, Perhy, 15:56; 9, Roche, 17:12; 10, F Yurni (L. GB-MG Boys), 19:22; 11, J Hepprer (Ger. Telekons), 20:01; 12, Theunesse, 20:32; 13, E Boyer (Fr. 2), 20:40; 14, G Rul (Fr.), 21:29, 15, E Bouwmarer (Holi, Paresonist), 22:56, 16; F Meuleon (Sp.), 22:50; 17, Miller, 24:14; 18, Rocks, 24:30; 19, F Chiaccoli (R. GB-MG Boys), 25:04; 20, A Gorozaise (Sp. Classian), 25:31. Others: 40, Kelly, 1hr 11mm 42sec; 78, Eartry, 2:11:21, 85, Vates, 2:19:53.

it," he said. "So it would have been nice to do it again and really savour it." (AFP)
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Gaucho prepares to launch assault on cruiser series

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

THE Americans launch a formidable attack in the Solent today in a concerted effort to capture the Rolex Commodore's Cup, a new three-boat team series designed to restore international interest in cruiser

Thirteen teams have taken up the challenge by the Royal Ocean Racing Club. They have come from as far

afield as Argentina and Hong Kong and their yachts range from the latest hi-tech racers such as Peter Gordon's Bruce Farr-designed 44-footer, Gaucho, racing in the American A team, to the 26-year-old English yacht. Sunstone, campaigned by Tom and Vicky Jackson. International Offshore Rule

That they can race together at all is thanks to the relatively new International

ENTRANTS AND PROGRAMME

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Measurement System (IMS), a computerised rule which rates performance rather than measurements, giving credits for yachts with cruising interiors and low-tech sails. It is a far cry from the old

(IOR), which has pushed building and campaign costs beyond the reach of most yachtsmen. Sceptics, however, believe that pur-pose-designed yachts like Gaucho and Erec Dragten's Dubois-drawn 40-footer, Impulse, racing for Jersey, have already destroyed the cruiser-racer concept that the rule was intended to encourage. The results of this six-race series are the litmus test: If successful, IMS will spread world-wide. If not, it is likely to die along with the IOR.

The England team, Outstripper. Sunstripper and the evergreen Sunstone, face tough opposition from Jersey, Hong Kong and the Netherlands as well as the United States.

RIFLE SHOOTING

RAF repel strong Army challenge

By Our Rifle Shooting Correspondent

THE Royal Air Force complet- events to go, he had 341 to ed the hat-trick in the annual count out of a possible 350. inter-Services Short Range Match at the Bisley meeting yesterday despite the strongest challenge from the Army. The United Kingdom Cadets, in third place, presented their usual challenge and came within a point of the Army. Top individual score came from Lt Rupert Breitmeyer, of

the Blues and Royals. He scored 98.12, a shade bettter than the top airman, Fit Li Rupert Clark, with 98.11. Hertfordshire had a threepoint win over Sussex in the Senior Counties Match, but Cornwall, who won the Junior

Counties event for the first time, had a tight finish, beating the holders. Bedfordshire by 44 V-bulls to 41 after they had both totalled 380. The 1,200 competitors in the Grand Aggregate are building up points for the overall championship of the meeting and the leader so far,

on an unofficial count, is

Frank Oldfield-Box, of North

London Rifle Club. With three

FOR THE RECORD

events to go, he had 34 i to count out of a possible 350.

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New All Black

Eughy union: New Zealand have called up Pat Lam, the No. 8 for Western Samoa in ast year's World Cup, as their hird replacement in five days or their tour of Australia. Ar-

ran Pene is recovering from a

☐ A special general meeting on October 23 will vote on the with mirrors structure of the Welsh Rugby Union. Chubs indicated in a questionnaire that they thought the 32-strong general committee should be cut to 19 members, finances should be handled by a full-time staff member, and the president should be elected each year and be a figurehead, rather than principal policy maker. "It is the only way not to

Urtain dies

Boxing: José Manuel Urtain, a former European heavyweight champion, was found dead outside his Madrid apartment yesterday. Witnesses said Urtain, aged 49, fell from a tenth-floor window.

Hockey: Catherine Stirling, who took three years off from international competition, will return to the Scotland women's team for the Inter Nations Cup in Singapore from September 2 to 13.

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GRIE MENYS GOLD CUP: Semi-linate (instance quantity for final at Shedhelds on Aug 15).

At Derby: 1, Belgrave, 143pps; 2, Errield 111, 3, Hevening, 89; 4, Wolverhampton and Bisson, 87; 5, Trafford, 82; 6, Shedheld, 82; 7, Derby, 78; 8, Morpeth, 64, Selected winners: 110m hurdies: A Tuloch (Molverhampton), 13 Seec. 400m hurdies: J. Ridgeon (Belgrave), 50; 5 High jumps; D. Baker (Errield), 215m. Pole Vault: M. Edwards (Belgrave), 53; 1m. (Gold Cup record) Shot-Discus: S. Williams (Errield), 17,20m.56; 52m. At Kingston: 1, Shatkesbury Bernet, 140pts, 2, Blackheath, 111; 3, Sele, 104; 4, Crawley, 91.5, 5, Windson: Slough and Elbon, 88; 6, Bouthermouth, 89; 7, Cardill, 62.5; 8, Swarssea, 55; Selected winners: 110m hurdies and 400m hurdies: 1 Covan (North London), 14,5ec and 53.0. Pole Vault: N Buckdeld (Crawley), 5m. Triple Jumps: F. Agypcong (Stefresbury Bernet), 54.04m; Harmer: M. Jones (Shaltesbury Bernet), 68 60m. Ar Pleistow: 1, Haringely, 135pts, 2, Newhern and Essex Beegles, 128; 3, Tharnes Valley, 124; 4, North London, 86; 5, Gloucester, 88; 6, Brisol, 68; 7, Carnock and Safford, 21. Selected winners: 110m hurdies: A Abreach (Newhern and Essex Beegles), 70; 18m. At Stoke: 1, Brander (Hamper), 68 60m. Are Pleistow: 1, Haringely, 135pts; 2, Newhern and Essex Beegles, 128; 3, Tharnes Valley, 124; 4, North London, 86; 5, Gloucester, 88; 6, Brisol, 68; 7, Carnock and Safford, 21. Selected winners: 110m hurdies: A Abreach (Newhern and Essex Beegles), 70; 18m. At Stoke: 1, Branded, 135pts; 2, Woodlond Green, 132; 3, Stoke, 104.5, 4, Team Solent, 32; 5, Old Gaylonsaris, 50, 8, Rotherham, 66; 7, Liverpool, 68; 8, Addershot Services, 51; 5, Selected Winners: 110m hurdies: T Gwynn, 132; 3, Stoke, 104.5, 4, Team Solent, 32; 5, Old Gaylonsaris, 50, 8, Rotherham, 66; 7, Liverpool, 68; 8, Addershot Solent, 32; 5, Old Gaylonsaris, 50, 8, Rotherham, 66; 7, Liverpool, 68; 8, Addershot Solent, 32; 10m. Pole Vault: M. Garber, 150m. 140; 150m. 15

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THE OVAL: Surrey v Nothinghamshire HOVE: Sussex v Lancashire KODDERMINSTER Worcestinghing

LUTOR: International materialism: 1, H. Jones (Flamelachy 274 23mm 123ec; 2,P. O'Donoghue (N. Ind., 226.6), 3, A. Beatne (Scot, Sheflecoury Barnet), 227-18, Team: 1, Wates, 13pts; 2, Scotland, 14; 3, Northern Issiand, 16, Vestram: K. Wildnesson, (Wates), 231-43. Wearner, 1, J. Kelly (Wates), 256.05; 2, H. Watter (Sarpendine), 3:09-42; 3, A. Carlwight (Wates), 3:11-58. Team: Wates CRICKET BAIN CLAPINSION TRIOPHY: Crostby: Lon-castive 212-8, Labositershire 213-6 Lelcos-lesshire won by 4 wids. Newborry Park: MCC Young Cockarers 290 (N PRIII 150), Esset 223 (K A Butler 51), MCC won by 67 ruts, Durham School: Yorkarine 275-6 (P A Grayson 83, A A Melcatile 78, D A Benikton 4-60): Durham 163, Yorkshire won 112 n.m., HE-PESSITATIVE MATCH: Essibourne (55 overs) Susser II 254 tor 9, Army 206 for 9.

TODAY'S FOXTURES

Britannic Assurance county championship 11.0, 110 over minimum 11.M. 110 deep mannum
DERBY: Derbyshire v Middlesex
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RAPID GRICKETLINE SECOND XI
CHAMETONSHIP: Seaton Carniv. Durium
v Middlesex. Chelmstord: Essex v
Gloucestershire: Wellingborough School:
Northamptonshire v Hampshire: Worksop
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Dorchester; Dorset v Cheshire: Dates CC:
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Cambridgeshire v Northumbertand. OTHER SPORT

SHOOTING: 123rd Balley meeting SPEEDWAY: Homeline League (7.30): First division: Poole v Eastbourne Second division: Long Eaton v Newcasile. Condey Health: Golden Hammer (7.45).

TOUR OF TAMESIDE: Second steps: Thomas Cook six mile hill race (at Staykordige) 1, O'Kell (Stockport), 33mm itsec 2, M Knoh (Mannington), 32,8,3,0 Gibbons (Salford), 34:36. Overalt leader: O'Kell, thr 28min 45aec. Women: K Drates (Spenborough), 40:17 Overalt: k Drake thr 50min 53sec

WORLD CUP CONCACAF region First-round, first-leg; El Salvador 5, Nicarague 0: Guatemeia 0, Honduras 0.

GLIDING

BENESCSABA. Hungary: European champlonahip: Third day: Standard 322km transpile (40 completions of 45): 1. J Henry (Fr). Discus B. 114.1 kph. 826pts. 2. C. Matick (Fr). ASW 24, 114.0, 925. 3. 7. Rubsig (Pol.) SZD 55, 108.7, 884. 4. C. Trebel (Ger). LS7. 108.3, 843: 5. P. Fischer (Ger). LS7. 108.3, 843: 5. P. Fischer (Ger). Discus, 107.7, 834. 6, W. Kay (GB), ASW24, 107.6, 833. Other British. 16, D. Campbell (Discus B. 198.75, 704. 15 metre 325km transpile (29 completionts of 29): 1, B. Spreckley (GB) 155, 119.7, 874, 864pts. 2. B. Guraty churth. LS6. 119.6, 862. 3, M. van Bree (Hoff), LS64, 117.2, 828. 4. M. Smit (Holl), LS6, 117.2, 828. 5. P. Janssars (Be), LS6, 117.0, 825: 6, P. Stoutis (Beil. LS6, 116.6, 815. Other British: 17, E. Lysakowski (Vertus C.). 107.1, 682. Open 512.7fort branspile (14 completions of 14): 1, G. Lherm (Fr), Norbus 4, 116.8 pth 1000pts. 2, 8. Walpczak (Pol), ASW228, 114.8, 976. equal 3, D. Flement (Fr), ASW228 and G. Auspars (Hoff), Nimbus 4, 114.2, 955; 5. B. Selan (Hoff) Nimbus 4, 114.2, 955; 5. B. Selan (Hoff) Nimbus 4, 114.9, 135.940. British: 11, J. Gormoe, ASP-25, 107.5,888. 12, A. Kay, ASH25, 105.4,839. Overall (Seen, 114.5). 114.8, 976. equal 3, D. Flement (Fr), ASW228 and G. Muspars (Hoff), Nimbus 4, 114.2, 955; 5. B. Selan (Hoff) Nimbus 3, 113.9,952; 6, K. Holiphaus (Ger), Nimbus 4, 113.5,940. British: 11, J. Gormoe, ASP-25, 107.5,888. 12, A. Kay, ASH25, 105.4,839. Overall (Seen, 1246pts; 2, F. Papita (Pol), ASW24, 2103. 3, Mallack, 2006; 4, Rubay, 2006; 5, Henry, 2005; 6, Repoleon (Fr), LS68, 2312pts; 2, E. Repoleo

Van Brae, 1932; 7, Spreckley, 1998 Other British, 24, Lysakowski, 1481, Open; 1, B Selen (Hol) 2829ps, 2, Holighaus, 2787 3, Wugczak, 2785; 4, Lherm, 2720, 5, E Lour (Gerl, Nimbus 4 2995; 6, M Poznak (Pol), ASH25, 2666 British; 9, A Kay, 2428.

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HILVERSUM: Dutch Open: First round: J Blanch (Neth) bit C Limberger (Austhal), 3-6. 5-3, 6-1, 7 Champion (Fr) bit J Kodes (Cz), 6-1, 6-2, J Ehrah (Neth) bit C Limberger (US), 3-6, 6-3, 6-1; T Champion (Fr) bit J kodes (Cz), 6-1, 6-2, 8 Furian (b) bit J kodes (Cz), 6-1, 6-2, 8 Furian (b) bit J Conde (Sp.), 6-1, 4-8, 6-3, F Santoro (Fr) bit R Giberi (Fr), 6-3, 6-3; K Novacek, Cz) bit E Masso (Bell), 6-4, 6-4, C Plolinte (Fr) bit C Costa (Sp.), 6-3, 6-3; M Goeliner (Gar) bit P Haartus (Neth) 7-6, 7-5.

TORONTO: International men's tournement: First round: J Stollamberg (Aus) bit D Wheaton (US), 6-3, 6-4; J Tarango (US) bit F Montana (US), 6-3, 6-4; J Tarango (US) bit F Montana (US), 6-3, 6-4; J Tarango (US) bit F Montana (US), 6-3, 6-4; A Tourner (US) bit J Hoffera (Mex), 2-5, 6-4, 6-4 C Actams (LGar) bit R Schmell (US), 6-3, 6-4; J Thartin (US) bit J Bates (GB), 6-1, 6-4; A Thoms (Ger) bit F Rocke (BR), 7-6, 6-1: D Nestor (Can) bit C Caratin (II), 6-4, 6-4, 4-1 Holm (Swe) bit K Thome (US), 6-4, 6-4, 1 Widsken (US) bit G Reoue (Fr), 6-4, 7-6, 8-2; L Lavelle (Mex) bit N Rock (Swe), 7-6, 2-6, 6-2; L Lavelle (Mex) bit N Naron (Swe), 7-6, 5-1; G Russedel (Can) bit N Laurendeau (Can), 7-6, 3-5, 7-5, S Bryan (US) bit C van Parisburg (SA), 6-7, 4, 6-4.

SAN MARINO: Women's lournement: First round: L Bacheva (Bul) bit N Dathman (Fr), 6-2, 6-3, J Kruper (SA) bit E Zerdo (Switz), 6-3, 6-3

OLYMPIC GAMES 25

Millionaire giants ready to dominate the Games



the Dream Team: the United States Olympic basketball team. A team of legends: Aagic Johnson, Air Jordan, The Bird, Clyde the Glide and "Sir' Charles Barkley — these monsters of wealth, fame and skill are likely to meet Lithuania in the final. Or maybe

IT IS as if West Indies were to enter the national village

cricket competition. This is

While qualifying for the Olympics they beat Cuba by a ludicrous 136-57 margin, and complained afterwards that the Cubans got close to them, not to mark them but action alongside these hyperstars. People are asking seriously if the Olympics will

It is hard, I know, for Brits to appreciate, but these people have such colossal star quality, so enormous a following, so fabulous an earning power, and their like has simply never been seen before at the Games. Michael Jordan should earn \$35 million next year — only \$3.8 million from actual sport. The rest is merely a little bonus for being famous.

These men are simply giants. A few years ago, they would never have played in the Olympics: they are un-abashed pros. But amateurSIMON BARNES IN BARCELONA

ism and its attendant hypocrisies are dead: the Dream Team is the logical result. Four years ago in Seoul, tennis became an official medal sport, and many of the

top players turned up. But the River Han did not ignite. This was a subfuse tourna-ment. The players were sim-ply doing what they always do — playing tennis against do — playing tennis against each other — and they were submerged by Carl and Ben and the rest of the fun and

Dream Team. They are not

doing what they always do. They are playing together.

This is something all the United States and half the world has longed to see.

In marketing terms, this is a triple-whammy. The players are already highly bankable commodities in the ad business. They play the world's fastest growing sport and finally, they are rock-solid certainties for Olympic gold. This is an unprecedented

In fact, the Dream Team was announced as much as a year ago, mainly as a marketing device. Here at the Olym-pics, they are already a sell-out. Basketball images are being used unashamedly to sell the Games. It is all rather odd because these fellows do

not need the Olympics. In terms of sporting attainment and even money, this is just a spoonful more jam on an already overloaded and drip-ping butty. Almost all the Olympic heroes of times past have needed the Olympics: Coe, Ovett, Thompson; Lew-is, Flo-Jo, Spitz. All of them were famous because of the

Now these giants come lounging into the Games with an air of massive condeare "practising" on the French Riviera.

Olympic football is restricted to pros under 23. Neither the United States nor Japan sends a pro baseball team. This is what we expect at the Olympics. The United States used to send a team of college players to play Olympic basketball.

They won every gold from 1936, lost in 1972, and were so cross they refused to accept their medals. Their ers are still in a bank wants

They lost again in 1988, beaten by the Soviet Union in

clear that European pros were too tough for college kids. Now the stakes have been raised somewhat.

Every possible argument about amateurism versus the pursuit of excellence has already been raised before the team arrives. There will be more and more of it to come. Surely, people say, the Olympic Games are for weightfifting and fencing and canoeing and stuff: sporting cacti that flower only once in four years. But these Games are set to be descripted by are set to be dominated by the swaggering millionaire giants of American Enterprise Inc. Is Olympia Ltd now a wholly owned subsidiary?

South Africa return nears reality

Pieterse at risk of missing her Games chance

FROM JOHN GOODBODY IN HARCELONA

SOUTH Africa yesterday returned to the Olympic Games after 32 years, only for their delight on their arrival here to be spoilt by an injury to Zola Pieterse and a row over the eligibility of Tom Petranoff, the former world javelin record-holder.

Pieterse, who won the world cross-country title twice when representing Britain as Zola Budd, vesterday underwent a training session at Parliament Hill Field. London, to discover whether she had shaken off the effects of kidney trouble. South African officials were

still uncertain whether Pieterse, who has seen a London specialist, would be running in the Games 3,000 metres. In London, Pieterse said: "I've had a few problems and things have been looking bad for me. I'm just not sure

about my fitness."

Sam Ramsamy, the president of the National Olympic Committee of South Africa Nocsa), said he was mystified by the latest development in Pieterse's career. It is ironic that Ramsamy should be the head of the South African delegation here because it was he as chairman of the Londonbased South African Non-

Sometimes I just have this feeling of such emptyness.



The Times on Friday in cludes a special colour supplement on the Olympic Games, with exclusive comments from Roger Black. Britain's 400 metres medal contender, expert analysis of the great events in Barcelona, and a day-by-day guide for television viewers

Racial Olympic Committee (Sanroc) who led the successful battle to have her excluded from the English team at the 1986 Commonwealth Games because she had not fulfilled the necessary residential qualification.

Ramsamy yesterday was criticised by a leading South African athletics official ove his attitude to Petranoff, who set a world record as an American, was banned for six years for competing in South Africa, and then, after staying there, was granted citizenship. On Monday, Judge Dion

van Zyl, a High Court judge and president of Athletics South Africa, sent a fax to Ramsamy. On the flight to Barcelona yesterday Van Zyl said: "He did not even have the courtesy to reply to my fax: I am sick and tired of Nocsa. I have informed the IOC that I want Petranoff in our team."

However, Ramsamy pointed out that within 30 minutes of receiving a fax from South Africa telling Nocsa of Petranoff's selection, he received another fax from the black grouping in the govern-ing body objecting to his selection. His vice-president, Muleki George, said that the black faction thought Petranoff was using South Africa as "a flag of

convenience". Nocsa is accused of delaying attempts to ensure Petranoff can compete in the Games, and Michelle Verdier, the International Olympic Committee spokeswoman, said: 'He does not appear to have the required documentation and Nocsa has not passed on

his name to us The neutral South African team flag for the Games. bearing the Olympic rings. has been much criticised in the right-wing press in South Africa but will be hoisted in the village this morning, marking the country's return to the Games for the first time since 1960.

The team consists of 85 whites and 12 blacks or Coloureds, plus 28 officials split between the races.

However, Ramsamy said: "I have black glasses so, for me, everyone is black."

Photograph, page 25 **London firm** does Games

ticket deals A LONDON-BASED company. Westminster Tickets and Entertainment, is offering Olympic Games tickets at several times their face value at

offices in Barcelona. On Monday a Spanish journalist was offered 20 tickets for the basketball final for £528 each. Their face value was between £36 and £50. The journalist overheard a £250 opening ceremony ticket being offered for £722.

Police said yesterday four Americans were arrested for offering basketball final tickets for more than £1,450 each.



Powell and Drechsler excel

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

THE longest jumps by a man and a woman were witnessed in Sestriere, Italy, yesterday when Mike Powell and Heike Drechsler took advantage of altitude and wind assistance to leap beyond the official world records. Powell jumped 8.99 metres, four centimetres further than his world record, and Drechsler 7.63 metres, 11 centimetres over the record of Galina Chistyakova, of the

Ukraine. Powell now goes into the Olympic long jump a fort-night today with the psychological edge over his closest rival, Carl Lewis. Not that Lewis was in Sestriere just to watch Powell and admire the gleaming \$250,000 Ferrari. the prize for a legitimate world

Lewis got to work in the 100 metres and showed that, contrary to indications earlier this season, he is still a Williams among Ferraris. That he is not in the Olympic 100 metres was clearly Barcelona's loss after he beat Leroy Burrell, the joint gold-medal favourite.

Even allowing for a following wind and thin air. Lewis's 9.98sec was an improvement on the 10.28 he ran for sixth in the United States Olympic trials five weeks ago. Burrell's 10.03sec for second place will

cast no worries Linford Christie's way. Mark Witherspoon, another of the Americans keeping Lewis out of the Olympic 100 metres, was third in 10.04.

Powell would have reached

nine metres had his take-off foot not fallen two centimetres short of the front of the board. However, his winning leap had a more than generous helping of wind assistance, 4.40 metres per second. It did not stop him predicting a winning leap for himself in Barcelona of between 9.15

and 9.40 metres.

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Shearer set to join Blackburn for record £4m

ALAN Shearer, the England international forward, will almost certainly be a Blackburn Rovers player before the end of the week (Ian Ross writes). Barring an improbable eleventh-hour intervention by Manchester United, Shearer is expected to complete the formalities of a E4 million move from Southampton to the unfashionable but wealthy

Lancashire club. The deal would constitute a British transfer record, comfortably surpassing the previ-ous figure of £2.9 million established last summer when Dean Saunders left Derby County to join Liverpool.

Yesterday afternoon, just 24 hours after the clubs had finally agreed on a fee, Shearer travelled north to meet Kenny Dalgiish, the Blackburn manager, to open pre-liminary negotiations about

Blackburn's initial bid of E3.2 million was rejected six weeks ago but Dalglish was given permission by Jack Valker, the club's majority shareholder and benefactor, to meet, in full. Southampt asking price. If the deal goes through, it will take Dalglish's spending to over £10 million in the ten months since he was

Ray Houghton, Liverpool's tional midfield player, will decide this weekend whether to join Chelsea or Aston Villa, whose £900,000 bids have

both been accepted. Houghton, aged 30, will fly home from Liverpool's preseason training camp in Italy this morning to open negotiations with representatives of the two clubs. Houghton, who joined Liverpool from Oxford United for £800,000 in 1987, has more than three years of his contract left to run.

A 12,000 Swiss franc (approximately £4,800) fine imposed on Tottenham Hotspur whose supporters set fire to their opponents' flag, has been reduced by half. Uefa, the game's governing body in Europe, agreed that Tottenham supporters had "behaved insultingly" in Rotterdam on



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March 4 when they burnt the Feyenoord flag after a Euopean Cup Winners Cup tie, but the original fine was,

Tottenbam's summer spending climbed towards £5 million when they completed the signing of the Southamp-ton defender, Neil Ruddock, yesterday, Ruddock, aged 24 was cleared for a second spell at White Hart Lane when a Football League tribunal fixed his fee at £750,000.

The London tribunal also set a £195,000 fee for Steve Castle's move to Plymouth Argyle from Leyton Orient while Birmingham must pay £35,000 for the Portsmooth goalkeeper, Andy Gosney, dris e rigider 12 appearances and £5,000 more after 50 appearances.

The proposed transfer of eilles to Leeds United has, aimost inevitably, run into problems: Although the Football League champions have agreed to meet the asking price of £2.5 million, the deal cannot be completed until the England international midfield player has resolved his financial problems with the French club. Howard Wilkinson, the manager of Leeds, is still confident of completing

the signing.
Steven, aged 29, has rejected the opportunity to sign for. Everton, where he spent several successful seasons. Everton will not be selling their winger, Peter Beagrie, to

Southampton. Fifa is making last-minute idjustments to the new law on backpasses before the Olympic Games on Friday. In an attempt to speed up the game, the game's governing body outlawed from July 24 backpasses to goalkeepers that deliberately waste time. But Sepp Blatter, Fifa's generalsecretary, said yesterday that the wording of the text would be aftered to prevent loopholes being exploited by unscrupu-

the new rule prevents goal-keepers collecting balls passed back by a foot but some players in Germany are known to have dropped to their knees to shunt the ball their knees to shunt the ball

Lamb blasts back at Warwickshire's bowlers

By JACK BAILEY

NORTHAMPTON (first day of three; Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire have scored 307 runs for seven wickets against Warwickshire

IT WAS one of those "Lamb raps rapid reminder to England selectors" days. Whatever part in England's future Allan Lamb may play, there can be no doubt that without him yesterday Northamptonshire would have been in dire straits. As it is, they have fended off Warwickshire for

the time being, almost entirely due to his innings of 188 not out scored out of 303 made while he was at the crease.

This was Lamb's first score of more than 100 against

Warwickshire -- he now needs only to belabour Somerset and Durham in similar fashion to complete the county set - and even such worthy and experienced opponents as Donald and Small will remember ruefully the power of his driving, particularly the many fours which bisected mid-off and mid-on. In making the highest score

by a Northamptonshire player against Warwickshire, Lamb hit a six and 18 fours, shared in partnership of 93 with Ripley and 106 with Roberts (who was the only batsman to come anywhere near matching Lamb run for run) and altogether defied the visiting attack for five and a quarter

When Lamb came in, Northamptonshire were on the wrong foot completely. Only an hour's delay had brought an admirably early start considering the condihaving chosen to bat, lost two wickets for four runs. wickets for four runs. Fordham stabbed involuntarily at Donald's fifth ball and was caught at slip. The first ball from the other end saw Felton set out on an adventurous short single, only to be thrown out by Penney, swooping from cover. Penney's reputation in the field is growing fast, but this must rank as an aberration on Feiton's part.

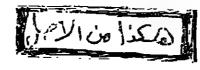
So enter Lamb, with Bailey scarcely established. When Bailey was snapped up by Moles at short leg just before

50 for three and by no means out of the wood. When Capel was beautifully caught off his glove, high and wide down the leg side by Piper and then Curran tell for Reeve's shown hall. Northemoreoushing users ball, Northamptonshire were not only still in the wood, but deep in the mire. The loss of five wickets for 102 was not what Lambhad in mind when choosing to bat, and he set about redressing the position.

He found a notable partner in Ripley who is not unused to nied himself anything more than obdurate defence

Lamb took it on himself to Counterattack pugnaciously.

Lamb is nothing if not a fighter. But his best means of resistance is attack. Donald found the inside edge on several occasions, but the only chance Lamb gave came when he had made 128. The longsuffering Donald failed to judge a high catch at deep mid-wicket and Northamptonshire and Lamb, were released to place themselves in a reasonable position.





Who is eyeing the World in Action

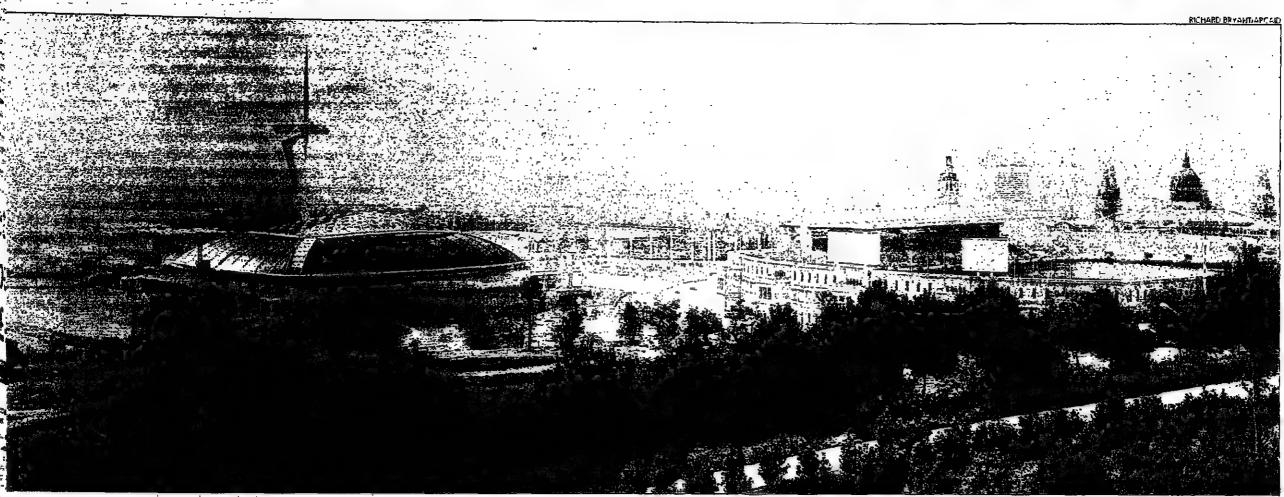
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Designed to break the records



ery recent Olympics has been marked by contro-versy over architecture, either before, during or fier the event. With new buildings sually far and away the largest em of expenditure, how can the tillions possibly be justified for any

vent lasting just 16 days?
Yet for the founding father of the nodern Olympics, Baron Pierre de oubertin, there were no such esitations: "It is for the architects i) fulfil the great dream of a splendent Olympia, at once origi-al in its modernism, and impose in its traditionalism."

Today the vision has been fuliled. The great stadiums and enas of the Olympics can be seen one of the key building types of Of the Zuth ce : important and pioneering as the , eat railway termini of the 19th ntury. Just as much of the most ...iventurous Victorian architecture as sparked by new materials and ew engineering techniques, so the lympic arenas have been at the refront in developing daring new ses of concrete and tensile steel.

Surprisingly, perhaps, all the rain modern Olympic stadiums continue to stand. The oldest is the an-Athenian stadium of 1896 in thens, an evocative replica of the ncient Greek stadium on the site. he ambitious reconstruction by ne architect Metaxas, with 70.000 ione seats in 47 tiers, was made ossible by the generosity of a realthy Greek living in Alexandria. he hairpin bend at the end was impossible for athletes to take at peed, while the narrow arena put pectators at risk from competitors such as the American discus - hampion — who were trying out

ports for the first time. The next two Olympics, Paris of 900 and St Louis, Missouri, of 1904, were held on open grassy ites, and Greece made an impasioned plea to keep the games rermanently. But De Couberin, packed by the International Olympic Committee, was determined the zames should be international, ilthough Athens was awarded an 'interim" games in 1906.

Following the sudden withdraw al of Rome, London became the venue of 1908, producing the first purpose built Olympic stadium at White City in west London, designed by James Fulton and accommodating 82,000 spectators. But it was Stockholm that captured De Coubertin's heart in 1912. The Gothic stadium with its pointed arches and its turrets, its technical periection is a model," he

of architectural styles began. Ant-werp in 1920 was classical, surrounded by colonnades. Paris four years later had the first cantilever roof grand:tand with viewing uninterrupted by columns. At Amster-dam in 1928 the De Stijl architect modern stadium, with strong horizontal lines set off by a 100ft pylon

lona 60 years later, saw a burgeoning non-capital city determined to put itself on the world map. The Memorial Coliscum, designed by John and Donald Parkinson, had an open colonnade at one end dedicated to the dead of the first world war. Los Angeles also produced the first Olympic village for competing athletes, at Stockholm and Amsterdam they had been

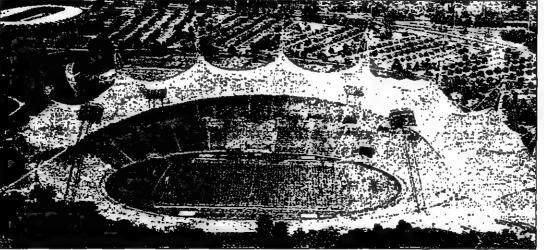
At Berlin in 1936 the architect Werner March had the poignant task of demolishing the stadium built by his father for the abandoned 1916 Olympics. Hitler specified that only native German materials were to be used and raged at March's curtain glass walls. "He would not set foot in a glass box. The games would have to be cancelled," recorded Speer, who obligingly amended the design in suitably ponderous Third Reich

After the first world war a battle

for the Olympic flame. Los Angeles in 1932, like Barce-

housed in ocean liners.

In Rome, in 1960, the great engineer Pier Luigi Nervi opened a chapter of dome building as adventurous as the struggles of Brunelleschi and Michelangelo centuries earlier. The saucer dome of his small sports palace is supported from without by tilting Y-beams as Isozaki's domed stadium at Barcelona is in the tradition of epoch-making Olympic buildings. Marcus Binney reports



See-through: Benisch and Frei Otto's Plexiglass stadium softened shadows for the cameras at Munich

sinewy as the flying buttresses of a Gothic cathedral, while inside the pattern of interlacing ribs is of spirogram complexity. The large palace of sport has a gravitydefying solid concrete dome resting on supports that narrow to dagger

The great Japanese architect Kenzo Tange was the one man to follow such an act, abandoning the rigidity of ruler and compass to produce for Tokyo in 1964 arenas with the snaking surfaces of conch shells. These consisted of membranes stretched tent-fashion over masts. "By comparison with the convex space of a dome, the concave configuration of a suspension structure encloses a great deal less space and lightens heating and air conditioning loads," said

Mexico came next in 1968 with a square "space frame roof" covering a span of 433 feet. This was constructed not of concrete but a grid of interlocking steel girders roofed over in copper. But at certain times of day the long shadows cast by the solid roof made it impossible

for television cameras to cover nearby outdoor events. For Munich, television coverage

became all-important, not least because German television was the main sponsor. Shade was essential for spectators but colour TV carneras could not cope with strong shadow. So the engineers Gunther Benisch and Frei Otto designed a dazzling series of transparent tension roofs. Masts, 260 feet high, thickened to prevent bending, were set round the back of the stadium and supported floating fishnet roofs shaped like a continuous series of saddles and covered in nine-foot-square sheets of Plexiglas.

erman building regulations, aimed more at concrete than steel constructions, increased building costs to the point where Frei Otto said it would have been cheaper to supply every spectator with a free umbrella for the next 20 years. Perhaps because of this the mayor of Montreal committed himself to a "modest, self-financing

The now-ingrained desire to create epoch-making, athletic structures led to the choice of a French architect Roger Taillebert, largely on the strength of a during retractable roof he had designed for a swimming pool in Paris.

Horrendous problems developed as hundreds of drawings had to be transformed from meters to inches in Canada, while North American construction firms had no experience of the epoxy-gluing and tensioning structural methods chosen by Taillebert. In the desperate final stages frozen epoxy glue had to be cleared by men who themselves were in danger of frostbite. The cost of the ambitious and incomplete stadium at \$795.4 million, against a budget of \$132.5 million, produced a torrent of bad publicity for a structure that for sheer adventurousness deserves to be paired with the Sydney Opera

Hardly less controversial was Taillebert's Velodrome, a Concorde-like floating roof resting on three giant beams converging on a Taillebert had carried the main structural loads on the long axis, not the narrower cross axis, bringing it home at \$86.5 million, against a budget of \$19.7 million. Interestingly, a version of Taillebert's giant leaning tower has

emerged as the symbol of this year's Seville Expo.

The Barcelona Olympics, which open this weekend, set a new architectural tempo in two ways. First, they are a touchstone for a major regeneration of old buildings, particularly the 1929 Montjuic stadium: the facade was preserved while the interior was completely refurbished. Second. after three decades of high-tech wizardry, Barcelona has introduced distinctly classical and monumen-

Here is a wrestling hall designed by Ricardo Bofill, best-known for his gargantuan modern classical housing projects in France, and a covered stadium by the Japanese Arata Isozaki, which has conscious echoes of Schinkel's vision of a royal palace on the Acropolis.

car elements.

The dome, double curved in response to surrounding hills, is once again epoch-making. Huge three-dimensional steel frames were assembled on the ground and slowly jacked up to a height of 148 feet above the floor where they became interlocking and crosssupporting. Isozaki's circulation

green and yellow, usher in an era in which grey concrete is replaced by interiors as colourful as sporting

Now that the 1996 Olympics have been awarded to Atlanta. what are Manchester's chances for the year 2000? Manchester has taken on board the importance of exciting new architecture as an essential ingredient in a successful bid, but no one is better placed than

railway warehouse.

the chairman of its design panel, David Plowright, the former Granada TV managing director, to introduce a new element into the Olympics. Manchester's site is threaded with canals and huge noble warehouses, all crying out for renovation as imaginative as Gra lada's own studios in

Put forward with schemes such as Richard Rogers's proposals for an Olympic marina in the King's Dock in Liverpool, Manchester could meet De Coubertin's call for an architecture "original in its modernism, and imposing in its traditionalism".

TOMORROW

Culture vultured: what has Hollywood done to Noises Off?

When death is the blackest of comedies

his time last year I had never been inside a register office except for a wedding. Now I am a twice-over veteran of registering family deaths, and I feel I know all about it. The registrar meets you with a smile, invites you to sit at the other side of a desk, and draws your attention to a computer screen on which your answers will appear. You cling to an old brown envelope with "Birth certificate" written on it in familiar handwrit ing, and experience a mixture of feelings, principal among them the terrible misgiving that your errand is a wicked mistake, and that your dad is going to be really dismayed and hurt when he finds out what you've done.

A couple of months ago, I took my second trip, this time to register the death of my grandmother. We followed the usual form. We were smiled at nicely, invited to sit down. referred to the same bereavementfriendly computer screen. It was a woman registrar this time, rather old-fashioned, with red fingernails, a frilly blouse and a tight suit. Nothing else was different. I sat in the same chair. I even found myself commenting gruesomely "This is just like last time," as if I had wanted to see this room again ever

But here we were again, indisputably, and the heart-breakingly bare thing else." "What did the man tell

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details of my grandmother's life (father's occupation: "coal-heaver") were duly tapped into the computer. My mum, who was desperately upset, occasionally proffered extra details to swell the story, which made the registrar pause patiently with her fingers hovering above the keyboard, waiting to get on. Meanwhile I held mum's hand and stared glumly at the screen, making sure all the spellings were correct.
"Now, I'll just print out the death

certificate," said the registrar, tapping a few keys. And it was then that it happened. Somewhere between the instruction and the execution fell the shadow, and she suddenly got up, pushed back her chair, forgot we were there, and rapped hard on some frosted partition-glass. "Brenda!" she shouted, in a great lather. "It's happened again!" The smile had gone; there was something wrong. Mum and I looked at one another. perhaps to reassure ourselves that

we had not actually disappeared.

The summoned Brenda burst into the room, in a blur of electric blue business suit, and rushed to the machine. "What did it say?" she panied. "I don't know." panicked the registrar, wringing the mani-cured digits. "Well did it say 'Disc full?" demanded the fearsome Brenda. "No. I think it was someSINGLE LIFE

Lynne Truss dries her tears.. but hasn't

the heart to laugh



us to do?" barked Brenda, drumming her beels on the floor. We looked on, mum and I, wondering whether we should quietly leave, but guessing that it is probably a mistake to stop registering a death

when you are halfway through. What struck me most forcibly about this scene afterwards was that it could have come straight from an Alan Bennett play. Even the name Brenda had the right touch. How could this registrar not

realise that by suddenly shouting "Brenda, it's happened again" in the middle of a delicate transaction with grieving relatives, she was creating a scene that any drama critic would recognise from a dozen or more modern comedies? It was so strange. Perhaps she doesn't watch television. Perhaps she has no self-consciousness. Perhaps dealing with death takes away your

sense of dramatic irony.

The last is certainly true. One of the dubious fringe benefits of your first significant bereavement is learning that the black-suited comic undertaker of popular imagination is not only the real thing, but that it isn't funny and you have to go along with it. You can't say, Can I have someone who wasn't in Joe Orton's Loot, please?", and you don't feel like laughing. Our two sets of undertakers have been ugly seedy characters with dandruff, Brylcreem, ill-cut suits and nicotine stains who perspire in dark glasses as though rarely exposed to the light of day. And we sat there while they absurdly offered us a range of fancy caskets, knowing

there was nothing we could do. Stupefied by grief, you surrender. The arrangements for my father's funeral entailed an hour-long consultation with a jumped-up professional doom-merchant who actually wanted us to share the tribulations of the funerary business, even if it meant keeping us in teasing suspense. Can we have the funeral on Tuesday or Wednesday, we asked (wanting a simple yes). At which point he started waxing sarcastic about the unnecessary inconvenience caused by bank holi-days, conjured up all sorts of distressing thoughts of coffins logjammed on the memorial lawn, before finally announcing that he had already booked the crematorium for Wednesday at half past two. Sighs of relief and admiration all

round. Our hero. I understand now about Hamlet losing all his mirth. I used to think this meant he didn't laugh at jokes because he was upset. But I realise now that death is surrounded by dreadful comedy, which you are obliged to participate in, in the role of Ernie Wise. Did you read Nigel Williams's interview in Life & Times the other day? How he was told at the hospital that "your tather's not very well. Actually he's very poorly indeed. In fact, he's dead"? Well, it's all like that. Neighbours come round to tell you they are sorry, and end up compulsively relating (over several cups of tea) all the tragic bereavements in their own family, going back ten years. Dismayed, you can't believe they are doing it. Is this an Alan

Ayckbourn play, or what?

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ROMEO AND JULIET: Kenneth MacMillan's full-bodied Shakespeare ballet resums to the Royal Opera House for a run of performances that tonight features Lesiey Collier as Juliet and Mark Silver as Romeo Tomorrow, the French team of Sylvie Guillem and Laurent Hilaire take the leading roles Royal Opera House, Covert Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066), tonight,

Discovery of Japan, this is Richard Nelson's contribution to the 1492 Barbican, Sili. Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), opens tonight, 7pm.

BBC PROMS 92: Yan Pascal Torteler conducts the BBC Philharmonic in a programme of French music. Herei Dutilleux's Baudelaire-inspired Tout un Durilleux's Baudelaire-inspired Tout un monde lointain...is flanked by Ravel's La Valse and Saint-Saëns's Organ Symphony No 3. The soloists are cellist Symphony No 3. The soloists are cellist Tim Hugh and organist tan Tracey. The first late-evening concert at 10pm is given by the BBC Singers and new music group Lontana under the direction of Cuban conductor Odaline de la Martinez. The programme celebrates the work of Brazikan composer Hetior Villa-Lobos and undudes the Bachana Brastiera No 5 for soprano and four cellos, Chôros which evokes the street music of Brazil, his Nonet and Quartet.

AS YOU LIKE IT: Some NEW YOUCHS

C) DEATH AND THE MAIDTH: And Corfman's scorching psychological drama on the longing for revenge: Geraldine James, Michael Byrne and

Paul Freeman Duke of York's, St Maren's Larre, WC2 (071-836 5122) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mais Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 120mins. CI DELAYU: Immy Porter 36 years on, Osborne's hero rants and whinges but in a wacusm, and Peter Egan seems too good-natured to be the Angry Old Man. Contedly, Panton Street, SWI (071-967 1045). Mon-Sat. 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat. 4pm. 170mms.

THE DYBBUIC Kabe Minchel's presses in on all sides. Joanne Pearce superb as the girl possessed. The Pfr, Barbican, Silk Street, BC2 (071-638 8891). Toroght, tomorrow, 2.15cm. between the program.

GRAND HOTEL: Musical barley gugar, Berlin in the Twenties.
Sentimental, American, entertaining, Dominion, Tottenham Court Road,

EI FROM A JACK TO A KING: With Ambassadors, West Street, London WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Thurs, 8 15pm, Fn and Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm, 120mms

THE MADNESS OF SECRED AN Nigel Hawthome is very fine as the stricken long in Alan Bennett's Intriguing, sightly puzzling play. National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorn 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm.

E) A ARIOSUMMER MIGHT'S DREAM Acted in a pool of mud. Robert Lepige Action in a pool of mud, Robert Lepage: production is long and murky but imadiated with magical images. National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Tonight-Sar, 7,15pm, page Ser, Tom.

BELLE DE JOUR (18): Bunuel's 1967

Cool and compelling in a sparkling new print, Jean Sorel, Michel Piccol. Everyman (071-435 1525) MGM Swise Cantra (071-439 4470).

THIKOTA ROAD: Sexual frustration in the Norfoli (ens. Good landscapes, but

the Norfoli fers. Good lankscapes, pur-too much silly rural Angst. Written and directed by playwright Nick Ward. With Alan Howard, Charlotte Charton. National Film Theatre (071-928

Adventures of a novice Issuer delending a murder charge down South. Uncertain comic vehicle for lose Pieso, bright support from Mansa Tomer, Fred Gwyrne. Director, Jonathan Lyrin.

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BATMAN RETURNS (12): Qurky

but ho-hum sequel, best when the spotlight falls on Michelle Pleiffer's electrifying Catwoman With Michae Keaton, Danny DeVito; director, Tim

Nurion Barbigan (071-638 8891) Camden Parlosay (071-267 7034) Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Totcadero (071-434 636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434

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NEW RELEASES

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment

compiled by Kari Knight

TAKING UP THE LANDS Maps have a Takings are the Lunia, maps, nave a fair claim to be regarded as works of art in their own right; the otherion of selection for this show of early maps of Canada drawn by explorers, trappers, native guides and military draftsmen has been pictorial quality rather than hemoral stronglishing.

Mon-Fr., 11am-5pm, opens today-5epi

TEN YEARS OF DISCOVERS AT BURGHLEY There seems to be no end to the objets d'art which lie concealed in stately homes, stowed in out houses to the objets d'art which lie concealed in stately homes, stowed in out houses or hanging unregarded on back stairs Burghley is particularly fortunate, in that, the latest Ced to occupy it happens to be Lady Victiona Leatham, an expert in her own right (she is a director of Sotheby's). Even so, this selection of things unearthed in her terr-year residence is amazing; from some of the

omissati (Ausaro, in Unicesa) Moggach's first stage play. Militerus Studio Theatre, Galdands Park, Chichester (0243 781312), opens

garilest batch of Japanese porcelain to reach this country (by 1688), and other treasures acquired in his travels by the fifth earl, to rare scientific gadgets collected by the tenth earl and odds and ends of delightful Victoriana

Burghley House, Stamford, Lincolnshire (0780 52451), Daily, 11am-

L.C.E. (INNER CITY EQUILIBRIUM): Young Blood Theatra Company's latest production is a musical drama set in an

interpretation of mostar dense seems interpretation in the precedure of th

The Dream of Germbus is conducted to Weman Handley, with mezzo-oppraid Catherine Wyn-Rogers, terror Kim Begley, bass Michael George, the Philharmonia Orchesto and Charles CITY OF LONDON FESTIVAL: Figar's

Philharmonia Orchestra and Chorus. Se Phul's Cathiedral, Reet Street. London EC2 (Information: 071-248 4260), 8pm.

DOUBLE TAKE: Usa Harrow plays a woman miraculously given the chance to live her life over again, with a different husband, in Onborah

Sadier's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916), Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mais Tues, Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm

LI STRANGIT AND HARRING

Nacholas Lyndhurst, Neil Daglish and Carrnel McSharry in Reable cornedy about a disting mother's womes,

about a duaing invention notably her gay son Aldwych, Aldwych WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, Spm, mats Wed, 3pm,

LINA POOKA: Sexual repression in treard; a supernatural visitor offers reset during a papel tour. Patchy black comedy by Michael Harding.
Tricycle, 269 Kiburn High Road, NW6 (971-328 1000); Mon-Sit, Bprit, mat.

A WIGHAM OF NO IMPORTANCE:

Philip Provises triumphant RSC production, John Carliste as a callous announce in Wilder's rootal melochema laced with wit. Directed and designed by Philip Provise.
Theatra Royal, Haymanist, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-54, 7-30pm, mets Wed, Sat, 2-30pm, 165mins.

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Carte: New London (071-405 0072) ...
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PEPL LUCI, BOBB...: Outrageous adventures of three Madrid women. Amusing if dishevelled pape from Pedro Almodówar, completed in 1980. Metro (071-437 0757).

THE PLAYMOYS (12) Low-José

justousy in an Irish village in 1957. Strong performances (Albert Finney, Robin Wright, Aldan Quran), but soo much blarrey: Director, Gillies

MGM Chelses (071-352 5096) MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) Odeon Karsington (0426 914666)

THE PLAYER (15): Dazzling satine on Hollywood, directed by Robert Altman from Michael Tollan's novel. Twn Robbirs as the studio executive who fulls a writer; plus cannon and walk-ons

galore. MGM Cheleas (071-352 5096) Odeores: Kensington (0426 914656) Laicester Square (0426 915683) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366) UCI

Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

THE RAPYURE (18): Disaffected

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Pop goes the Scottish play

pest he called Return to the Forbidden Planet. Now we have his cautionary tale of the singer Eric Glamis, who is marketed as Thane Cawdor, and briefly replaces the Presley clone, Terry King, at the top of the charts. What next from Bob Carlton's bubbling word-processor? Maybe a Hamlet singalong in which the batprince comes with his batsword, barsoliloquies and battriend Horatio, to cleanse Gotham or Elsinore of the man who best knows how to smile and smile and be a villain, Claudius the Joker.

Carlton has certainly managed to patent a nice, simple formula. One ingredient is modern pop culture in one or another of its manifestations. The second is Shakespeare, who provides the plot, the quotes, and plenty of comic incongruities. The third is a large number of songs from the Fifties and Sixties. Put them in a theatrical cauldron, stir well, and the result should be at least as absorbing as a newt-eye or tartar-lip stew. Ideally, it will appeal to nostalgia freaks, RSC groupies, and those who admire the compilation shows now to be found in such profusion in the West End. From a Jack to a King — the title is

taken from a song that was a 1963 hit for Ned Miller - is not the perfect mix.

CRITICS (simple-minded folk that we are) love to generalise, to formulate trends into which all new work must be fitted, however contradictory. Thus, British composers at present are reputed to be in "accessible and friendly mode, uncluttered by the nasty old

complexities of the Sixties avant-garde. How reassuring, then, that the first new commission in this year's Proms harked back 25 years to those heady. obscurantist days. Then, new music meant being battered senseless by a dense slab of perversely complicated orchestral sound. Now, such dinosaurs, if they are newly hatched at all. seem almost lovable for their strident desire to be unloved.

James Dillon's ignis noster is a classic of the genre. Note the esoteric,

From a Jack to a King Ambassadors

I would have liked more wit and less facetiousness, as well as more hummable, memorable numbers. As it was, only a few songs were among those I could recall having heard come stuttering out of my steam radio when I listened to the Top Twenty in the Fifties and Sixties.

But I am not surprised that most critics, our Tony Patrick among them, applauded the show when it was first staged at the Boulevard in February. It is a refreshingly ebullient piece, packed with high spirits and good humour. Anybody who enjoyed Forbidden Planet - by now a cult musical, the Rocky Horror Show de nos jours should feel at home. Matthew Devitt directs and plays

Eric, a pudding-faced plodder taken up as a group member, for no clear reason, by a shifty promoter in a tacky leopard-skin jacker. Christian Robens's Duke Box. The object of Eric's envy is the leader of Duke Box's band, Robert Dallas's motorcycling King, but less for his ability to throb, shake and look pelvic in his spangled white suit than for his sexy girl-friend, Allison



Matthew Devitt, Allison Harding in From a Jack to a King

Harding's Queenie. With this energetic Amazon snarling her support from the sidelines. Eric tampers with the star's wheels ("Is this a spanner I see before me?") and then achieves a glory that proves all too temporary ("Who would have thought his motorbike had so much oil in it?"). And so to an ending packed with spoof pity and cod

The twists of the plot seem arbitrary and sometimes not too clear, the quotes from Twelfth Night. Hamlet and other. Shakespeare plays a bit nudging and knowing - but, finally, why carp?

Anybody should respond to the dead King's blood-boltered resurrection at a mega-concert at Wembley. Ditto with the three witches, one a bowler-hatted boy from A Clockwork Orange. another a hippic undertaker, the third? a walk-on from the Addams family in . black frills and a tartan cap.

Moreover, their music comes close to splintering the corrugated most of the pop Globe Theatre of Norman Coanes's set. Silly it may be: harmless

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

PROMS

Back to complexity

lower-case title ("our BBCSO/Lazarev fire": a reference to Albert Hall/Radio 3 15th-century occult treatises); the overlaving of orchestral sections, all playing

fiendish rhythmic complexities. Yet Dillon, a 42-year-old Scot more honoured among the diehard Continental avant-garde than here, is a discriminating orchestrator. The moments when woodwind, moving in-

Messiaen-like parallels, burst into agi-

furiously in oblivious isolation; the

tated prominence: the eerie whimpering of swooping string harmonics: the jangling choruses of percussion -

all this was finely crafted. Most striking of all were the strange bulls when the strings would slither into a half-remembered 19th-century gesture, or a shadowy, hymn-like tune would be briefly glimpsed — like some flag of truce, waved half-heartedly and quickly withdrawn into the smoke of

battle. Even the "new complexity", it seems, takes in new simplicities.

The BBC Symphony Orchestra had rehearsed thoroughly, and sustained the requisite freneticism well under Alexander Lazarev's direction. Perhaps the time spent here took its toll on the preparation of Sibelius's First Symphony - given a reading which made little sense of its problematic patchwork and on Strauss's Four Last Songs.

In the Strauss, however, the undercharacterised playing might have been the side-effect of an orchestra trying too hard to be considerate. Helen Field's graceful soprano lacks the weight to carry these big lines effectively across the Albert Hall.

RICHARD MORRISON

MUSICAL THEATRE

One to be picked up

THE British love puns, and this overstuffed sausage of an evening was studded with them. They extended from the concept of creating a show, within three months, using all 27 composer/lyricist members of the newly established Mercury Workshop (patron. Stephen Sondheim), to the subject and the intention: daring producers to pick up on the ideas and skills on offer. In an atmosphere equal parts showbiz luvviness and parents' day at school, the adrenalin just overcame the debilitating humidity. Twenty-one actors and four musicians put on an astonishingly energetic display, let

down only by some indistinct delivery and uninspired choreography.

The story (book by Stephen Clark) was a conflation of Greek myths, involving Aphrodite: King Minos of Crete and his court, including daughter Ariadne, Queen Pasiphae and her bull lover: the resulting Minotaur, whom Theseus kills, assisted by Ariadne: royal craftsman Daedalus and his son Icarus; Cocalus. King of Sicily and his court. The 20 scene/sequences were moulded into an almost coherent narrative by director Steven Dexter, who

also, with Clark, contributed lyrics. Clive Rowe had a high, roaring old time as the despotic Minos, slipping impressively from menace to playful-ness and back. Caroline O'Connor seized the ample low-humour opportunities of Pasiphae's comically monstrous sexual appetites, as punningly detailed in Kit Hesketh-Harvey and James McConnel's "Loveable" and Anthony Drewe and George Stiles's Bull Inside My China Shop". Having descended, you might say, to the occasion, she later rose movingly and

The Challenge Shaw

nobly to the tragic pathos of Charles Hart's "Food". With "Home" and "Blood", featuring the touching Minotaur of Hal Fowler, this last formed a trilogy which was the most fully realised individual segment.

Nicolas Colicos, as the bull, briefly matched O'Connor for comic lightness, but the chief acting honours went to Philip Cox and Lewis Rae as Daedalus and Icarus. In contrast to the cheerfully coarse humour of much of the rest, their relationship was sensitively explored in Paul Leigh and Kate Young's "Working with Wood". Adele Anderson and Sarah Travis's "Closer Closer" and Stephen Clark and

Andrew Peggie's "I've Had Enough". Young love and aspirations were dealt with via Andrew McBean and Martin Lowe's "Am I Alone?" and Eric Woolfson's slick "If I Ever See That Face Again". for Theseus (Andrew Halliday) and Ariadne (Josie Walker). Julian Forsyth played Cocalus as a combination of Jim Henson and Russ Abbot and put over Mary Stewart-David and Paul Kitchenn's "Positive

Thought" with gusto worthy of Disney.

Quite often during Sunday night's one-off performance the audience was treated to sentimentality and self-conscious fooling instead of emotional power and genuinely challenging humour. Intending producers should proceed with caution; but at least they should proceed.

TONY PATRICK

DANCE

Unmistakably Bausch

NOT for nothing does the auditorium of the Théâtre de la Ville in Paris always burst at the seams for Pina Bausch's Tanztheater Wuppertal. Unmatched in style and quality, she appeals equally to dance-lovers and theatre-lovers and those simply after a rich emotional experience. With her latest piece, Tanzabend II (Dance Evening II) she provides that experi-

ence as overwhelmingly as ever. It also serves as a sharp reminder that those who regret her move away from dealing exclusively with dance have not completely lost their minds. What a choreographer she is and what dancers she has. Dominique Mercy executes a fast, disarticulated solo, so extraordinary that you can hardly believe it is happening. Each small part of his body seems boneless, his knees give way uncontrollably, his hand grabs his hair to stop his head flopping forward. It would be an incredible performance at any age, but Mercy, one of Bausch's longest collaborators, must be somewhere around his

half century.

Actually, Tanzabend II has more dance "proper" in it than some of Bausch's previous pieces. Many of the cast perform solos. There is a rehearsal theme which shows us dancers exhaustively repeating their sequences and a grimly schoolmarmish director passing on corrections. Bausch's roots lie in ballet and European modern dance: out of this she has created a vividly patterned language that is uniquely

She also gives us those Bauschian chorus-lines of dancers, gesturing and processing like transposed Tiller Girls, their calculated play-to-the-audience Tanziheater Wuppertal

Théâtre de la Ville, Paris smiles a parody of showbiz. And as

always she gives us her inimitable mix of sketches, vignettes and non-sequitur jokes. A woman makes a sandwich 🖷 with her leg and two pieces of baguette: another places a pair of slippers at the front inviting us to "feel at home"; a knife-thrower demonstrates her mindboggling incompetence on the back wall. We laugh at the incongruities; but we also feel the humanity.

Thick snow appears to cover the stage. Women in evening dresses collapse in the snow, like flowers cut down. A polar bear ambles on at intervals. A waif-like dying girl lies face down in the snow, repeatedly in a draining, super-human effort, she drags herself up, only repeatedly to be put back by a man with the utmost gentleness. This way of re-running poignant actions becomes unbearable.

The stage then seems to be covered with sand and Bausch presents images of death in battle. A macabre dance has the whole company sitting in rows, desperately shuffling forwards, their movement gradually weakens until they fall backwards, their bodies reduced to twitches and then stillness. That is Bausch's world: a sombre

struggle, lightened by humour and they human spirit. It has been far too long since her last British performances. Rejoice she comes to the Edinburgh Festival next month and to the London Coliseum next year.

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Men are leading the dance again

arcey Bussell has not had much luck with men. Leading men, that is. First there was Jonathan Cope, who partnered Covent-Garden's budding ballerina in her first leading role - The Prince of the Pagodas — in 1989; only eight months later, disillusioned with dance, he left the stage to pursue a career in business. Then came can brought in to partner Bussell in 1990; less than five months later a serious injury during a company performance of Swan Lake in Wastington ended his career with the

Royal Ballet Then came the much-heralded partnership between Bussell and Irek Mukhamedov, the former Bolshoi star now resident at Covern Garden. Hopes were high after their successful Winter Dreams pas de deux - a work created specially for them by principal choreographer Kenneth MacMillan — but their first foray into a full-length ballet, Manon, had to be called off just before opening night when they turned out to be insurmountably

mismatched as a duo. Enter Zoltan Solymosi, 24 year-old Hungarian hunk and the Royal Ballet's newest recruit. He arrived in January like a rough diamond: all power and no polish. But he quickly began to develop refinement and a respect for detail which, with his considerable height and strength, made him Bussell's best prospect yet for an effective stage partnership.

As Bussell discovered, a good man is indeed hard to find, and nowhere more so than in the world of classical ballet where tall, dark and handsome is not enough - princes have to be able to dance, too. Tall, long-limbed ballerinas like Bussell pose a particular challenge for directors eager to discover that rare magical stage coupling which can bring the classical warhorses to life and fire audiences in the process.

Anthony Dowell, the Royal's artistic director, has spent the past six years grappling with the problem of leading men. "It's a problem all round the world," he says. "There are a lot of much taller women now as ballerinas and there's been a. dearth of tall, very classically gifted male dancers. They are a rare breed in any case. Talent is not choosy; it picks short or middling as well as

Suddenly, though, the Royal Ballet can boast its strongest male lineup in more than a decade, since the days when Dowell and David

Debra Craine on how a Hungarian

a Russian and a Briton have given the Royal Ballet new male strength

Wall ranked among the world's top dancers. Most importantly, Dowell has also found the partners to match his three reigning ballerinas. Solymosi's hiring has solved the Bussell problem: Mukhamedov has forged a dramatic stage partnership with the Italian-born Viviana Durante. And now comes the news that Jonathan Cope is returning to performing, rejoining the Royal Ballet in October. He will dance with Sylvie Guillem in Swan Lake. reviving their earlier stage pairing and thus solving the pressing prob-lem of finding a tall partner for Covent Garden's elegant French

The time for such symmetry could not be better: as box-office considerations force the Opera House management to stage more and more full-length story ballets, so the need for well-matched couples to carry them becomes greater. And with the emergence of exciting partnerships within the company, Dowell can rely less and less on expensive guest artists from abroad to boost ticket

Still, overseas is where Dowell had to look in the first place to find most of his leading men. He had no alternative: Britain is not yet in the business of producing them on a large scale. Last year, for example, the Royal Ballet School attracted applications from 971 girls and only 118 boys. Currently the school is training 125 girls and 73 boys.

According to Kathryn Wade, the school's ballet administrator, "it is always a problem attracting boys. Inevitably, far more mothers send their daughters to dancing classes than send their sons to dancing classes. Yet that is ironic, because we used to be known as the 'dancing English'. In the time of Elizabeth I the English were always the ones who had the new dances."

The infusion of foreign artists will inevitably mean a watering down of the Royal Baller's refined English style, typified in the past by dancers

such as Michael Somes and Donald MacLeary. But times have changed. along with audience expectations. and choreographers - most notably MacMillan — have already given British dancers a more physical and international style.

True greats dance in their own way whatever country they come from, says Dowell. You can never change someone's natural way. Rudolf Nureyev did untold good for the male dancer but I wasn't threatened by him when he danced with the Royal. We watched and learned; no way would I have copied that style. If boys today copy someone's jump or energy level

there's nothing wrong in that."

Bruce Sansom, who recently returned to Coverit Garden after a year with the San Francisco Ballet, is one of the homegrown talents who have been watching the foreign artists at work. "They are not necessarily better," he says. "But they bring things to the ballet which we're not used to seeing and we can learn from that. Irek is so incredibly musical and has a natural instinct to perform. And Zoltan is so exciting to

British dancers disadvantage themselves through their mental approach," adds Sansom. "Everyone says Americans, for example, are pushy and aggressive, but far from that they're just incredibly keen and eager. That's something we don't approve of; we don't allow people to step forward."

obody could accuse Solymosi of reticence: if anything, his weakness is his impetuosity. By his own admission, "a passionate, very temperamental and very angry" dancer, he is having to learn to harness his powerful style to fit in with the Royal's more meticulous approach to technique, especially in the classics. "Here in Britain artistry and

technique are 50-50 per cent," says Solymosi. There in Hungary it's 75-25 per cent in favour of artistry so you can dance much more freely. You don't have to worry so much about pirouettes and the choreographers there are much more lenient. If you can't do something they let you change it to what you can do, so you can concentrate on your artistic approach instead of the technical."

The dashing Hungarian is well aware of why he was hired by Covent Garden: "Because I am tall? Maybe yes, this can be. And I'm a



Power match: Darcey Bussell and Zoltan Solymosi in rehearsal for Elite Syncopations

look good dancing with someone." A successful partnership with Bussell is central to Solymosi's relationship with the Royal, but she is not the only ballerina he will be dancing with. Next Wednesday he partners Sylvia Guillem in La Bayadère; in August he will make his debut as Romeo opposite the good partner and maybe because I Juliet of Altynai Asylmuratova.

guest artist from the Kirov. So has Bussell finally found her leading man? Certainly Solymosi is that rare partner who can give her confidence in the big roles, such as Swan Lake and Manon, "He's a power dancer who can match my power." she says. "We are well suited to each other because I am a strong dancer who has got to have a man who is the same height and power. He's very dramatic and he loves dancing. It's nice to dance with somebody who doesn't hold any-

"Sometimes it's scary, he's got so much strength you don't know what he's going to do. But from the audience point of view he looks very caring and that counts for a lot."

ARTS BRIEF

Popping along

RICHARD HAMILTON has been chosen as the artist who will represent Britain at the Venice Biennale next year, the British Council has announced. He is to create a new work for the British pavilion. which will also exhibit other paintings, drawings and installations made by Hamilton in the past ten years. The 45th Biennale, which opens in May next year, will have 60 countries showing art in 28 pavil-ions. Hamilton is currently the subject of a large retrospective

Man for Mozart

THE Swiss-born conductor Matthias Bamert is to be the next music director of the London Mozart Players, succeeding Jane Glover. He will take immediate responsibility for the orchestra's artistic planning, though he does not officially begin the three-year appointment until September 1993. Bamert, now living in Britain, is best known for his work with big orchestras and in contemporary music. He was principal guest conductor of the Scottish National Orchestra for five years from 1985, and during that time he directed the Musica Nova concerts in Glasgow. At present he is the director of the Lucerne Festival.

Last chance . . .

IS THERE no limit to the appeal of Simply Red's Stars? It was the biggest-selling UK album in 1991 and is, so far. the biggest seller in 1992 as well. It currently stands at No 2 in the UK chart and has not dropped lower than No 10 since it was released 42 weeks ago. Yet such mass-market success has not hindered Stars from reaching the shortlist for the Mercury Music Prize, where the judges' brief is to consider the nominees purely on artistic merit. With a strong supporting cast of Burning Spear, Des'ree and Brand New Heavies, Simply Red stages its fifth and final outdoor event of the summer at Gateshead International Stadium (091-478 1687) on

Williams: "dramatic dialogue should never be literary"

Theatre: Rod Williams's award-winning play about prison life comes to London this week. Harry Eyres met the young author Aristotle stirs the porridge

lament the dearth of and the decline of dramatic language, one cure which is rarely considered is close study of Aristotle's Paetics. Rod Wil liams, the 28-year-old dramatist whose award-winning first play, No Remission, opens at the Lyric Studio, Hammersmith, tomorrow, believes much can be learned from the old Greek. "At first glance The Poetics may look like a dry treatise; but the more I read it the more truth and wisdom 1 find in Aristotle's remarks,

critics continue to

especially about plot." Before anyone assumes that No Remission deals with an episode from the Trojan War, should be made clear that Williams's play is a tense contemporary three-hander about two murderers and a bank-robber, set in a maximum security prison. After winning second prize in the 1988 Mobil-Royal Exchange competition, it was performed on the Edinburgh Fringe, and won enviable plaudits from Michael Frayn ("a quite re-markable first play") and John Peter ("a blisteringly claustro-phobic account of prison life").

Williams worries that his prison play may not be taken eriously because he himself has spent no time behind bars. In fact, he rather resembles a younger version of Douglas Hurd and is a respectable alumnus of the same college -Trinity, Cambridge.

The first aspect of the play to impress me was the authentic language. "I was attracted to a prison setting partly because it is intrinsically heightened and dramatic, but also because of the language: there are more witty spielers in prison than anywhere else I know. And I am encouraged by comments from several people who have been inside that it rings true."

Williams is concerned not only with authenticity but also with economy. "My aim with dialogue is to cut down to the essential, to purge the prusaic. But the poetry should not be self-conscious, it must come from the structure. Dramatic dialogue should never be

The question of language is not the only one which preoc-cupies this impressively serious young dramatist - nor even. perhaps, the most important. We are back with Aristotle again: "Aristotle talked about imitation, mimesis, which covers dialogue and characterisation, as not being the most difficult, the highest part of the playwright's skill. The most difficult thing, to which he devotes most space in The Poetics, is the making of

complex plots." But is there not a danger in this? Aristotle placed plot above character and in so doing became the godfather of the "well-made play" and the mechanical plotbased films churned out by present-day Hollywood, the Terminators and Basic Instincts. "That is certainly true. The term 'well-made play became derogatory because it referred to the kind of creaky dramas with cardboard characters in clichéd situations which filled theatres in the

Thirties and Forties. "I am not advocating a return to that kind of thing. But it is a truism that all good plays should be well-crafted. I aim for a combination of rich characterisation and complex plotting. The construction will be intricate but it must not show and that's damnably hard to achieve. When you see it well done, by Ibsen in his middle period or by Arthur Miller, it is awesome.

Ibsen. Arthur Miller - isn't this all rather old hat? "People say that kind of drama is dated. Actually, I think it's just difficult to do. There is also the argument over naturalism. which I consider irrelevant. Ibsen and Miller are naturalists and classicists at the same time: the thing to avoid is undigested reportage." Williams admits that he does not see much contemporary drama, mainly because, living on around £6,000 a year cobbled together from grants and the dole, he cannot afford to. One new play he unreservedly admires is Dorfman's Death and the Maiden, probably the most Aristotelian drama of the

last quarter century. Otherwise, he praises David Mamet. "The language is so brilliant, and so dense: there is so much behind each speech." Williams's second play, Creative People, which has been adapted for BBC 2's Screenplay series, is bound, he thinks, to attract comments of "influenced by Mamet". "It's about a group of telephone salespeople, and unusually for me, comes out of my own experience. I hadn't read Glengarry Glen Ross when I wrote it. Marnet does a lot of what I was trying to do, marvellously well.

Williams's latest play, called The Life of the World to Come. is set on a Caribbean island peopled by Americans, a hundred years in the future. It has taken him three years to write

theatre to take it on. For all its Remission has taken four vests to achieve a London premiere. When Aristotle wrote The Poetics, one subject he did not cover was the determination and courage needed to succeed as a playwright. But Williams appears to have those, in addition to a talent worth watching.

and he is trying to find a

• No Remission opens at the Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, London W6 (081-741 2311) 10-

TELEVISION REVIEW

Abnormal service

ne of the basic tasks of any government, local or central, is to dream up euphemisms which will disguise awkward realities such as "community charge" for poll tax or "efficiency gains" for cuts. So it was not entirely surprising that Lewisham Council's "social services special duty team" in last night's Town Hall (BBC 2) turned out to be the men who cleaned up the maggots, the rotting meat and the

"In the interview, they said you had to pick up the pieces, rub down the walls, things like that," said Darren, whose workmate Graham confessed that the council's clean-up patrol was dirtier work than his previous job, down in the sewers. In the opening shots of the documentary, the pair paid their regular visit to the home of Bobbie Wheeler, a 73-year-old council tenant living in appalling squalor with her five cats in a flat without

lighting or hot water. No punches were pulled as the camera panned round this distressing vista of human wreckage. The living-room floor was littered with filth and tin cans, the bath full of cat excrement Darren and Graham got shovelling as Mrs Wheeler charted away. "I wouldn't do without these two," she remarked, barely able to stand as she leant against the doorframe and flicked the ash off her cigarette. "They're wonderful and I don't know why they want to do away with them.

This consistently excellent fly-on-the-wall series has been one of the summer's treats, matched in the documentary field only by Pandora's Box. As the weeks have passed. attention has turned from Lewisham's education crisis to the council's social services department and its battle for a

fair slice of the shrinking financial cake. Mrs Wheeler' poignant case was interwoven with scenes from the fraught meetings at which officials struggled to make hard decisions about cuts.

The fascination of local government is its immediacy, as Town Hall has shown to brilliant effect. The Treasury can treat public expenditure as an abstraction, a matter for mental gymnastics, but local councils enjoy no such luxury. Today's cut is tomorrow's angry demonstration, just outside the front door - as the social services chairman and his elected colleagues were clearly aware.

Yet their debate cut much deeper than wariness of the voter. Should Lewisham cling to a Beveridgite philosophy of universal entitlement for all, or start making harsh priorities? Life-saving services or luncheon clubs for lonely pensioners? Put that way, of course. the choice was no choice at all As the director of social services explained, the department's main customers from now on would be "the people that need services to allow their life to continue in any acceptable way"

Meanwhile, Mrs Wheeler's life had drawn to a sad conclusion, a few days after she was found immobilised and taken to hospital. The council took care of her cats and her funeral. Her wish that her ashes be scattered in the remembrance garden of the local parish church was respecifully honoured. Some dignity was preserved; yet, as the programme closed, there was infinite pity in the sight of welfare officers counting out her estate, which amounted to little more than a heap of

forgotten change

D'ANCONA

London Galleries: a show of works by female artists, reviewed by John Russell Taylor

Woman's work: never done justice?

I hough a feminist angle is still useful in getting any show of relatively hobscure are on the road, the excessive claims made a few years ago on behalf of any forgotten artist who happened to be a woman have abated somewhat. Artists like Sonia Delaunay and Sophie Taeuber-Arp can be included in the new South Bank touring show "The Non-Objective World" without our automatically being told that they were charvinistically pushed into obscurity and were the true creative forces behind their husbands Robert Delaunay and Hans Arp.

What is now free to emerge from shows of women's art is that among women, as among men, there are major figures and minor, that oblivion has sometimes fairly descended upon them and sometimes not. Decades considers the case of ten British women artists born between 1897 and 1906, five of them still alive and active. Two of them, Barbara Hepworth and Eileen Agar, are very famous. One of them, Lilian Holt, falls into the unlabelled, as being by

category of "if only she hadn't been married to ..." — having, some feel, subordinated her own talent to that of her

husband David Bomberg. On the other hand, Hepworth was for years married to Ben Nicholson, and nobody ever saw her as taking second place. Of the other seven, Gertrude Hermes was always a leading figure in the more constricted world of woodengraving, absolutely level in regard with her husband Blair Hughes-Stanton; Mary Adshead was never quite so well known as her husband Steven Bone; and the rest have enjoyed moments of notice as well as periods of eclipse, just as male contemporaries

might.
There are few general conclusions to be drawn from the show. It would be difficult to come to any startling new valuation of individual artists on the basis of three works each. It is clear, though, that the talents on show are as varied as the styles, and that there seems little anywhere that would mark the work,

women. None of the artists shown seems to have had much interest in the matter of women, in the traditional women's arts, in pregnancy and child-bearing, or specifically female eroticism, however directed. Perhaps Agar. through her surrealistic work, comes closest to that, as the degree of abstraction she achieves leaves itself open to all kinds of interpretation.

most unfairly neglected seems to be Sylvia Melland, still going strong at 86. Her particular brand of realism has an almost expressionist tinge to it. Only one of her works on view, the colour print Girders, represents the grittier side of her vision of industrial society, but a oneperson show at the Boundary Gallery a couple of years ago demonstrated her to be an errist of samure and individuality worth looking at again. In the present selection Nan Youngman comes out, surprisingly, as the more socially committed artist, with her pictures of industrial Wales.

Emmy Bridgewater was an early Surrealist, a little behind Agar, having undergone a spectacular conversion at the International Surrealist Exhibition of 1936, and was responsible for one or two of the most memorable British images produced by the movement, though one would not necessarily guess it from the work on show here. Alas for any hopes that our

vhole view of women's role in 20th-century British art may be transformed by this show, the idea that one leaves with is the same as that one went in with: that Barbara Hepworth was a great sculptor, with no reference to gender required, and Gertrude Hermes was a brilliant wood-engraver --first, certainly, among the several women who distinguished themselves in the field, and with nothing to fear from comparison with any man. Otherwise, the artists on view are more or less interesting, quite unpredictably. like any others of their generation. ● Morley Gallery, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 (071-928 4550) 10am-6pm, until Friday



Betty Red's Silly Girls, 1960, on show at the Morley

Waiting for the **Notre Dame sound**

Josephine Akrill finds a new spirit abroad in French church music and a new choir about to sing in the heart of Paris

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SATURDAY afternoon, Notre Dame de Paris. In front of France's most famous Gothic façade. punters plait col-oured tresses into tourists' hair, and

visitors arrive in their coachloads to plod around the cathedral's ancient. incense-filled aisles. Stroll down a deserted side-street

just off the north transept, and you stumble across the newly-created Notre Dame Sacred Music Association, currently holding auditions for its new choir school which, from September, will provide the cathedral with daily choral evensong d

"French music is at last moving out of its malaise," explains Michel-Marc Gervais, the cathedral's new choirmaster, faced with the daunting task of restoring Notre Dame to its former position as one of the major centres of European music. and the birthplace of Western polyphony. "Twenty-five years after the Second Vatican Council and the switch to services in the vernacular, which spawned a lot of very banal sacred music, the pendulum is about to swing back. People are starting to demand more inspiring

Currently the fashion in parish churches all over France, the simple "singable-by-all" modern chants have been unflatteringly described by another cathedral choirmaster as having "all the advantages of nylon over silk — they wash easily, dry quickly, and don't need ironing. If music is no more eloquent than the silence it breaks,' he added, "then give me back the silence."

A sentiment which is now shared. it seems, by many French worshippers. "They're dying for polyphony and Gregorian chant," claims Gervais, a 37-year-old Canadian. born in a Francophone village in the Western province of Alberta. where the Council's recommendations were slow to take root. "It's

often forgotten that, before 1968, the congregations actually sang the Gregorian chants themselves. My own mother had two books of

chants as thick as your thumb." Common knowledge of Gregorian chant has now been lost, and a large part of Gervais's work at Notre Dame will be teaching the boys the arts of Latin chant, plainsong and polyphony. Having experienced choral singing in England, Sweden and Germany, he bemoans the current state of the art in France, which he blames partly on the



Hopeful: Michel-Marc Gervais

country's musical education system. "Whereas Swedish and English children are introduced to music at primary school, the French conservatoire system sets music apart from the normal school syllabus. Here the learning of solfege, or the musical alphabet, is totally divorced from musical practice. Children must go through two years of theory before setting hands on a violin or piano, and they lose their natural taste for music." This is a situation which he intends to avoid at the new choir school, where the emphasis will be on giving pupils a love of music-

Despite France's trouble-ridden history in the field of church music - the closing of the choir schools during the Pevolution led to what Gervais terms "close to 200 years of

silence" - hope is now on the horizon, with new choir schools springing up all over the country.

The Notre Dame sound, Gervais says, should "spring naturally from the language musculature and temperament of its native singers". He will be looking neither for the "white" quality of the pure English tradition, nor attempting to copy the harder German sound, which, he believes, may force the young voices past their limits, and jeopardise a later singing career.

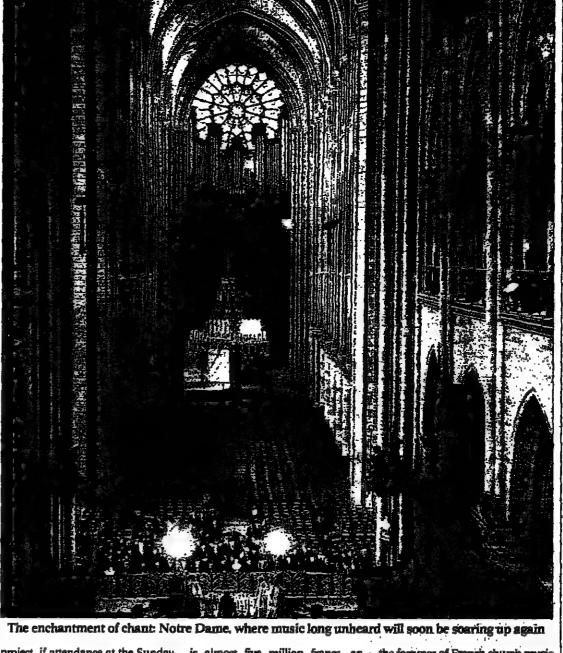
Gregorian chant will be given a high profile at the daily six o'clock services from September onwards, though amateurs may be surprised at the avant-garde interpretations offered by Gervais and his choir. "We'll be working with Dominique Vellard, a medieval music specialist in Basle who is making some startling discoveries about the way the chants were originally sung. All I can say is, it'll be much closer to the Hebraic sources, less ephemeral and floaty - and we're expecting some strong reactions!"

One of France's biggest tourist attractions, Notre Dame de Paris is visited by 12 million people a year. Clattering footsteps, clicking cameras, and the high-pitched tones of tour-guides regularly threaten to drown the words of the Sunday Mass, a problem which Gervais is taking steps to solve well before September. Guided tours are now banned on Sundays.

oosely based on Vespers ~ Evensong does not exist in the Catholic church - the service will be held in the choir rather than the huge nave, and without the microphones so beloved of post-Vatican Two priests.

"I'm hoping for a more intimate atmosphere than on Sundays", says Gervais, "when 2,000 people attend the hourly Masses, and each service follows hot on the heels of the last." An unlikely prospect, according to

Guillaume Deslandres, director of the Sacred Music at Notre Dame



project, if attendance at the Sunday organ recitals is anything to go by: 'We only have to mention 'music at Notre Dame' in the paper, and the cathedral is packed out. Within a year, the evening choral services at Notre Dame will have become a 'must' for Parisian worshippers and music-lovers alike."

The Ministry of Culture is pouring money into the Notre Dame project, whose total budget for 1993

is almost five million francs, an - the fortunes of French church music unprecedented event in a country where church and state were irrevocably wrenched apart in 1789, and direct funding of the former by the latter is illegal. "The Notre Dame scheme raised an entirely new problem," says Desiandres. "We had to make sure that state participation was purely within the educational and cultural sectors of the project." For Gervais, it is proof that

are finally changing.

In December, Notre Dame's 19th-century organ, currently under restoration, will also once more thunder forth, joined by the mixed choirs of Notre Dame, St Paul's and Westminster cathedrals. It will be the start, Gervais hopes, of a continuing collaboration between Europe's oldest, and her newest cathedral choir schools.

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breathe or bend my fingers. A

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The film's photography is

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specially built sledge, it shows

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PARIS: Under the direc-

Dogs North

Russian TV shows

a race in the cold

ROSSIISKOE TV, or Russian State Television, will be showing a remarkable film next month. Gorayachie Sobaki "Hot Dogs"). It is about the 1992 Beringia Sledge-dog Race on the Kamchatka peninsula in the Russian Far East. The race started on 8 March from a small place called Esso nothing to do with Esso

Petroleum - and went on for 28 days. Fifteen competing sledges, each hauled by nine dogs, took part, each day covering up to 160km. Only eight sledges completed the 1,980-kilometre course. The winner, a father-and-daughter team, 43-year old local electrician. Vladimir Radzivilov, and his 17-year-old schoolgiri daughter Nastya, made it in 71 hours, 34 minutes and 34

The 1992 race was the second to be held. It attracted a crowd of reporters from all over the country, with a team of vers and dog-breeders. It also created a lot of activity in the former Gulag territory notably a festival of folk dance and music. The people are Koryaki and Chukchi, races which nearly disappeared from the Russian Arctic during the Soviet regime. The life expectancy of the men was

until recently only 43. There are now some 3,000 of them. The dogs are a beautiful

The local people have now restored the breed to health. The rules of the race require a tired dog to be taken onto the sledge to rest, and immediate-

'A blue snow track among volcanic mountains': the Beringia sledge-dog racecourse in the former Gulag lands of the Kamchatka peninsula ly treated by a vet. Japanese breeders offered \$1 million for

> Foreigners who come to watch the 1993 race will be able to hunt local game as well as photograph the race from a

The 52-minute film was made by a Moscow team of three crazies, as their col-leagues called them, who flew

the season, minus 27C, when the race started," cameraman Slava Stepanov told me. "It continued like that for a few days. Then the temperature dogs on a blue snow track. among voicanic mountains and in wild forest. Clever editing includes a sound track

of an American beloop tune matching the running dogs less. But the film is not only about the rebirth of a breed of dog - it is also about the survival of an endangered

JEANNE VRONSKAYA

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Wagner festival opens on Saturday with a production of Tannhäuser, under the baton of the British conductor Don-ald Runnicles (more performances on Aug 6, 16, 19, 23). There is also the first cycle of Harry Kupler's provocative staging of Der Ring des Nibelungen, conducted by Daniel Barenboim, and Dieter Dorn's production of Der Fliegende Hollander. Placido 🏲 Domingo puts in two appearances in Parsifal, conducted by James Levine on August 17

Bayreuth Festspielhaus, tick ets from Kartenbüro, Postfach 10 02 62, D-8580, Bayreuth (010 49) 92120221. Opens Saturday until Aug 28.

 BERLIN: An opulent exhibition dedicated to the controversial French painter and sculptor Jean lpoustéguy, whose giant sculpture. The Haman Being Builds His City, takes the space in front of the Berlin International Congress Centre. The show includes 74 aquarelles and drawings, and 30 sculptures from the years between 1974 and 1991. Staatliche Kunsthalle, Buda-

pester Strasse 42-46. Tues-Sun, 10am-6pm (Wed to 10pm). Until Aug 16.

 HEISINKI: Miguel Gomez-Martinez conducts the Finnish National Opera Orchestra and Choir in the opening concert of the festival on August 8. Highlights indude the Finnish premiere of Canadian director Robert Lepage's stunning six-hour show The Dragons Trilogy (Aug 22-24); the Cairo-born choreographer and dancer Suraya Hilal, presenting her fine and accessible interpretations of ancient Egyptian dance (Aug 31); concerts by the Cleveland Quartet (Aug 22, 23) and Emerson Quartet (Sept 5); a recital by Kathleen Battle (Aug. 3); and concerts by the Finnish Radio SO and the

inkatu 28. SF-00100 Helsinki (010 90) 659688. Aug 8-Sept

tion of Liuis Pasqual, the Theatre de l'Europe Odéon will feature a Spanish and Latin American season this sutumn. Most of the productions will be by visiting companies, including the Catalan Mediterrania (Sept). Also in September will be Lope de Aguirre, Traidor by the contemporary Spanish writer & José Sanchia Sinisterra it consists of monologues by nine characters on the controversial Spanish Conquistator. Aguine Continuing the theme of the Spanish colonisation of America. Els Joglars presents Yo Tengo un Tio en America by Albert Boadella. Liuis Pasqual himself rounds off the season with Lope de Vega's El Caballero de Olmedo (Nov-Dec). Théâtre de l'Europe Odéon, place Paul Claudel, 75006 (010 331) 43257032.

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AVIGNON FESTIVAL

Love and war in the night air

which opened this year's Avignon Festival, is an arresting revival of El Caballe-ro de Olmedo by Lope de Vega. The designer, Ezio Frigerio, plants an undulating field of sun-ripened wheat in the midst of the rigorous architecture of the Cour d'Honneur of the Papal Palace, heart and soul of the festival for all its 46 years. Lluis Pasqual's lyrical direction fills this bucolic paradise with movement and surprise: he gives rein to four magnificent horses, and orchestrates their galloping entrances and exits with a duo of percussionists. All this excellence is, howev-

quited love and jealousy, that lacks the dramatic dynamite it takes to ignite the sultry summernight air of the vast Cour d'Honneur.

To recount that the Chevalier. Don Alonso, loves the eminently suitably matched but has the misfortune to be shot dead on a dark night by a rival, to whom justice is duly administered, is to recount the sum total of the plot.

Casting the Franco-American actor Jean-Marc Barr as the Chevalier does little to add ballast. Barr has the snowwhite smile of a lover-boy hero. and shot to stardom in France in the film Le Grand Bleu, but

presence. It is Jean-Michel Dupuis as Tello. Don Alonso's comic and lovable valet, whose energy fuels the rest of the cast.

The Columbus bi-centenary

is the inspiration behind much of the festival programme. Strengthening the Spanish flavour is Le Siège de Numance, a new adaptation of a play by Cervantes. It unfolds the course of the Romans' 15year siege of the people and city of Numanti. When starvation finally daunted their spirit, they chose to commit mass suicide rather than give General Scipion a triumphal return to Rome, with prisoners to flaunt.

The young French director

Robert Cantarella makes the music of this operatia is drawn. acting space a shallow tray of water, crossed by a network of rails on which pieces of decor. props and performers are reg-ularly trucked. The latter wade in and out of the wings, - inthis case, the stone clossers of

the Cloitre des Carmes. If the decor is Disneyland. then the Romans are decidedly Asterix. The Numantians are also a colourful cartoon. thanks to Laurence Forbin's ingenious cut-out costumes. But Cantarella effectively conveys the mounting horror of events, with scarcely a drop of

cultural paella is Zarzuela!

from popular songs. However, this is not the tourist Spain of castanets and mampillas, but a glimpse of the real heart of Spain that heats behind the walls of the tenement blocks, in the central patio where all life is lived, and all emotions laid bare.

The production is due to play next season at Peter Brook's Paris stage, the Bouffes du Nord. It is hard, though, to imagine a more ideal setting than it has in Avignon: the lines of windows of an old hospital, its peeling porticos, sandy courtyard, and A lighter side of the festival's shady solitary tree.

DIANE HILL

Poses of the famous

warned, is the most expensive photographer in the world. be lucky to have change out of £750. So are they worth it? Nearly 150 of them, chiefly in colour, are currently on show at the Palais de Tukyo in Paris. courtesy of American Express. A few have never been seen before. But most go to prove that if any image of popular US culture has been imprinted in your mind over the last 20 years, it is probably thanks to Connecticut-born Annie.

Leibovitz, with rare exceptions, only photographs the rich or famous. Naturally their portraits are in frequent demand and she cleans up by persuading her subjects into irreverent or poetic poses which evoke their public persona. Well, what else was John

Cleese doing hanging from a tree like a bat? Among the exceptions is a family holiday snap which represents Leibovitz's first attempt with a camera, But even that has a sense of theatre. Leibovitz captured three giant-size American soldiers standing protectively with the diminutive Queen of the Negritos, a people who scavenged the garbage at the air base where the 19-year-old was summering with her father in the Philippines in 1968. Her fate was sealed soon after with the high she got from seeing her

pictures on the front cover of Rolling Stone. Leibovitz's major break came with her portrait of Mick Jagger dressed in unfamiliar fashion in bathrobe and cap in 1975, which she consolidated with a photograph of the stirches in his wrist two years

his hand through a plateglass window thinking it was the door to a restaurant. All that is missing from the

show is a self-portrait. But she claims a camera-shyness worse than that she observes in Diane Keaton.

The most spectacular study is of recent Aids victim, graffiti artist Keith Haring, mude, in a room full of Salvation Army furniture all painted white. At Leibovitz's instigation, he decorated everything with tribal designs, including himself. He merges into the room in a picture that owes much to Miro and would undoubtedly be worth every cent.

ALISON BECKETT Annie Leibovitz Photographs 1970-1990. Palais de Tokyo, 13. avenue du Président Wilson, 75016 Paris, until 27 July.



News thoughts from a broad

here is the homely-girl-next-door Anne Dia-mond, the schoolmistress types such as Angela Rippon, sexy Selina Scott, doe-eyed Anna Ford, glamorous Julia Som-erville, hard-hitting Kate Adie and Panorama's tough Jane Corbyn.

Few women make it to the top in news and current affairs, and when they do they are pigeon-holed. They are lauded for their legs and derided for their ambition, and they make headlines with the insimuation that they could never have got there on merit alone.

Now, we are told that Dianne Nelmes has been made the first female executive producer of Gra-nada's news and current affairs flagship programme, World in Action. The programme is not only considered to be at the forefront of controversial investigative journalism but also has a 30-year-old reputation, illustrious past executive producers and even junior researchers - John Birt was a 23year-old researcher.

Sitting in the publicity agent's mews house in central London. wearing a rumpled yellow suit and trying to ignore a particularly humid day, World in Action's new executive producer looks poised rather than elegant and has a faintly apologetic air. She is hard to categorise, neither overtly formidable — she has a broad smile — nor

cloyingly charming.
"I cannot think why they chose me, except that I got a few scoops on World in Action as a young researcher and I have launched a lot of programmes," she says modestly. As the executive producer of entertainment at Granada, she initiated a series of successes including This Morning and You've Been Framed. She adds: "I certainly do not think I was appointed because I was a woman.

Ms Nelmes is reticent when discussing the reasons behind her success. "I think I have a reputation for being extremely tough and very fair. But you would have to ask my colleagues," she says. One described her as tenacious and a perfectionist, and said she is "very kind and always listens".

Ms Nelmes will need her resilience. Current affairs programmes are having a shake-up. This Week is being axed, and World in Action has been accessed of vensationalism and going down market by others in the industry. Current affairs programmes are in danger of being shifted to less enticing times which are better ammunition in the

Ms Nelmes's nostrils twitch at

Alice Thomson meets Dianne Nelmes the new executive producer of the current affairs programme World in Action

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steeliness. She says: "There is a myth surrounding World in Ac-tion. The papers lead you to believe we are dredging the bottom for viewers but the ratings are very healthy. Ten million watched the recent series on homelessness, 8.5 million watched last week. I do not call that disastrous."

One reason for her success may be her obsession with ratings. "If the ratings are had I feel I have failed. It is like owning a shop where pobody buys the goods, she my family joked that I should have says. Ms Nelmes said, I take thee realises World in and the Birm-

Action has become more popularised with subjects such as prostitution under Nick Hayes, the previous executive producer, but is a firm advocate of expanding the issues that can be tackled. "He has improved the ratings by 45 per cent," she says.
That has to be good, but it does not mean I shall have Jeremy Beadle presenting it or introduce bingo cards." At the men-

tion of changing the slot. Ms Nelmes glares. It will be tragic if World in Action moves to a late-night slot. Viewers need a healthy mixture. World in Action

has earned its place."

It will be interesting to see whether a current affairs programme produced by a woman will be different. She says: "I would hate to say I am going to do women's programmes but, knowing my own inclinations and instincts, I suspect the range will be broader. There will not be knitting needles and fashion but there will be a place for more health pieces or a domestic violence story as well as foreign politics and big investigations."

She laughs at the suggestion that World in Action has any political stance, saying it fights on the side of right. She will not retract the statement even if it makes her sound moralising. "You have to the Birmingham Six. Granada could not have spent all that money fighting what in the early days was

such observations and you begin to understand her reputation for steeliness. She says: "There is a necent." Her pride in World in Action's role in helping to put pressure on the government to release the Birmingham Six is obvious. Her husband, lan McBride, was the producer-direc-tor on World in Action who helped

> He conveniently became the editor of drama documentaries at Granada six months before his wife was made the executive producer. "When I married seven years ago

and the Birm-'I do not think ingham Six'," she says. She has wantof myself as a ed to be an investigative journalist since she set up a populist but I newspaper on her housing estate in have a feel for Berkshire when she was ten. She beviewers and I came a controversial editor of her school newspaper, haranguing teachers and using such phrases as: "Should we be forced have to get it ams? at The Holt Girls Grammar

School in Wokingham, before editing the student newspaper Counter at Newcastle University.

"I was single-minded. My best subject was history but I read economics so that I would stand out in a news room," she says. She took a year out to become the president of the union, then went to Thomson Newspapers on the company's training scheme as a "graduate grub". There her work on local government corruption in Newcastle won her an award.

"I wanted to be a serious investigative journalist but when I went down for an interview at the Daily Mail I was terrified," she says. The BBC seemed far nicer and she settled at Look North in 1978, where she managed to uncover a story about the head of the Northumbrian drugs squad who was trafficking confiscated drugs. It The man was given a seven-year jail sentence.

When Ray Fizzwalter, then the

executive producer of World in Action asked Ms Nelmes to become a researcher it was the best day of her life. Even better than becoming the executive producer? Even better," she smiles

Having made her reputation as one of the few serious female investigative journalists. Ms Nelmes dropped it all to launch This Morning, an aspirational family magazine programme. "I knew nothing about chatty family entertainment but instinctively wanted to to do it," she says. "There was nothing in the morning for people like my mother, sister-in-law and girlfriends." With husband and wife presenters Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley, This Mon-ing was a triumph. The pro-gramme had 3.5 million viewers and the presenters have gone on to

do The Richard and Judy Show. Granada promoted Ms Nelmes to executive producer of entertainment, where, although not a natural quiz lover, she inherited such shows as The Krypton Factor and Busman's Holiday and created Cleudo, Stars in their Eyes and You've Been Framed. "I do not think of myself as a populist but I do have a feel for the viewers and I am a terrible achiever. I have to get everything right," she says. Her solution to stress is to be

methodical: "I am a real homemaker. My husband likes cooking and I like cleaning and we spend a lot of time on our barge making

tic about the future for women in television. "I do not believe that there are men at every corner stopping women from get-ting anywhere," she says, but she does feel she has been lucky. "It is difficult for women at lower levels - PAs and secretaries. There are many extremely bright women who should be working in production but cannot get anybody to take

Like Anna Home, Janet Street-Porter and Jane Drabble, in fact most of the women in television's top managerial positions, Ms Nelmes does not have children. "I cannot have children but I do not think I would have got this far if I

Not being able to have a family was a blow. "At first I preferred not to tell anybody and people thought I was a pushy, ambitious woman, she says, "but as soon as I did their and they became very sympathetic. Nobody minds now if I am



An early starter. Dianne Nelmes wanted to be an investigative journalist from the age of ten

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, on health, wealth and wisdom

Why does nanny get their goat?

he Health of the Nation, it has to be said, has done little to improve the humour, let alone health, of a few press commentators. The Sunday Telegraph got so wound up by the White Paper published two weeks ago that by the time it had progressed through denouncing it as "frivolous", "socialist" and finally, in all seriousness, "communist", I could imagine the sounds of exploding collar buttons and see reddening faces framed by smoke coming out of ears.

Does it matter if The Health of the Nation threatens the good health and equanimity of a small, but noisy, group of journalists? I think it does, because they have missed an

important point. Libertarian arguments advanced against the White Paper are misdirected. It is a mistake to see those who "face up to" the so-called health fascists — who would meddle in their lives and regulate their calone intake - as defenders of liberty. Like any Conserva-tive, I believe in freedom. But freedom is restricted on a dripfeed attached to a life-support system. It is wrong to let a personal claim to the right to be free embrace ill-health, incapacity, disease and death. to become a dictatorial assertion that others should suffer as badly through apathy or ignorance. That argument owes more to personal preju-

dice than it does to philosophy. There is no disagreement. for example, over defence. We all agree that the government has a duty to protect the country from the possibility of foreign attack. Yet when the attack is from ill-health and the threat well researched and well understood, the logic of this argument appears, to

some, to be irrelevant. By common consent one of the government's greatest achievements is the reform of the trade unions. Strikes cost us 29 million lost days in 1979. No competitive economy could afford such a loss. Yet, this figure is half the number currently surrendered through smoking and alcohol-

On average, on any one day



Aiming to build a healthier Britain: Virginia Bottomley

last year, nearly 160,000 people were off work because of illness related to smoking or excessive alcohol consumption. Other avoidable diseases cost many more.

Coronary heart disease kills 140,000 people every year. It is Britain's biggest killer. A madman dispatching one 1,000th of that number would be hunted down relentlessly.

Yet some people argue that it is somehow less appropriate to pursue with equal zeal the biggest mass killer of our times. Every day nearly 16,000 NHS beds are occupied by the victims of stroke. Mental illness counts for 14 per cent of certified sick absence, as well as 14 per cent of NHS in-patient costs and nearly a quarter of the drug road accidents had an economic cost of £4.5 billion in 1990. Accidental injuries took up 7 per cent of the NHS

These figures, each one selected from a key area in The Health of the Nation, build up a picture of the crushing cost to our economy of ill-health. The NHS will continue to offer the best care to those who need it. But a key aim of the White Paper, and the targets it contains, is to secure the best use of resources by preventing and reducing illhealth wherever we can.

The idea that the government should continue to tolerate such waste and that taxpayers should be expected to foot the bill when it can be avoided is ludicrous. If indusbudget. Personal injuries from trial unrest were still inflicting there would be outrage.

The government has a duty to secure the most effective use of taxpayers' resources. Pressure on the health service budget demands vigilance if we are both to protect the taxpayer and to preserve the qualities of the NHS. It is essential to recognise and pursue the option of prevention

rather than rely solely on increasingly expensive cures. The Health of the Nation is not a set of orders. Ministers, like the writers of editorials, recognise that no government has the power to run individuals' lives; nor should it seek

t is wholly consistent with this government's philosnophy of personal responsibility to explore in public the ways by which everybody can join in the quest for a healthier nation. And individuals too should avoid ill-health where they can. It is the responsibility which comes with the right to free access to hospital and

general practitioner care. Targets help. They give us something tangible at which to aim. They focus hearts and minds. They build up a strategy which far from being "socialist", is vital to the efficient functioning of a free society and the free enterprise

There have been substantial advances in public health this century. Fewer children die at birth or in infancy than ever before. We have longer and healthier lives. Once fatal infectious diseases, such as tuvanquished.

The point of The Health of the Nation is to secure continued all-round efforts to beat off today's public health threats and achieve a healthier nation yet. It is a job for us all, not just physicians, but columnists, politicians and the man in the street. We have to trust the people to make informed

On the basis of rigorous evaluation of the evidence, detailed knowledge and analysis of the statistics, it may be that nanny isn't always wrong. O Times Newspapers 15d 1992

Come off it — working mothers want to work

Julie Welch says of course, I won't be coming back if mothers give up work it is because the jobs are lousy, not

because they want to stay at home

ix years ago when I was a high-powered woman (well, sort of), I had a bouncing baby boy and a high-powered career was instantly, irrevocably be-sotted. It was my first real exposure to the career/motherhood conflict and I had everything jumbo-size: guilt, ex-haustion, childcare problems, unsympathetic boss.

What did 1 do about it? Nothing: I couldn't. We needed the money so on I ploughed through those early, ratty, bleary-eyed years with scram-bled eggs for brains. And thank the Lord I did. Motherhood is for life, but a job lets

No one ever said that combining paid work and children was going to be easy. A Gallup survey of mothers' attitudes and experiences, commisbabyfood manufacturer, produced the startling discovery last week that two-thirds of the women interviewed would choose to stay at home with their children if they

could afford to. Leaving aside the questionable candour of people taking part in opinion polls (remember all those who were going to vote Labour?) this is still a big cache of women who seem to be saying, "Sorry, we made a mistake. We don't want equal rights. We want to shuffle around Mothercare in purple leisure suits and bang on

about the price of pushchairs." Why is it that mothers who work outside the home seem such a discontented bunch? Is it really true that we are victims of the Zeitgeist, dragging ourselves tearfully away from



hearth and home in order to keep our children fed and shod? Oh, come off it. Women aren't stopid. If we honestly and truly didn't want to work, we'd make a song and dance about it that could be heard from a passing jet.

If this survey says anything, it is about how discouraging everything is for the working mother. For a start, there is the challenge of finding decent childcare. Childminder? Good ones are harder to track down than tickets for The Phantom of the Opera, and even when you find them they have endless waiting lists. As for granny, forget it. She did her bit raising you. Now she has a life of her own; cruising round the world, becoming a Samaritan, taking a degree in psychology.

Sometimes the best course seems to be to hire a nanny. Some mothers are either very good judges of character of just plain lucky — they find a gem for £90 a week. Others have at least one horror story to tell nannies who get drunk, nannies who get pregnant.

Furthermore, the girl. however nice and capable, is ubiquitous — on the sola, on the phone (to Australia), sometimes even in the double bed (that'll teach mothers to come home early). It is no picnic trying to do a job well while wondering what is going on at home in one's absence. Of course, if a mother is earning enough to fund a £300-a-week Norlander and stick her in a self-contained flat, things

would probably go swimmingly. But there must be many mothers who eventually decide that, as they are paid so little, it is simpler to stay at home. There lies the real problem

 women's jobs. For every hospital consultant or barrister, there are hundreds more women doing boring things in uncongenial surroundings, for implacable employers, on a salary for which no man would work. This is not to say

Motherhood is for life, but a job lets you out on parole

that some men don't slog away at soul-destroying, poorly paid tasks (now, there's a thought why is it no one has considered a survey of fathers, asking them if they might consider

not going back?). Nevertheless, all the things one hopes for in a job interest, decent salary, power - are far more readily available to men. It isn't that surprising that many women fantasise about the autonomy of home life, and the selfesteem that comes from being special and appreciated by

As one of my stay-at-home

friends remarked, "Whatever the circumstances in which you live and however well off or not you are, as a woman your own home and reign supreme in your family.

Myself, I think that being HRH indoors is on a par with being one of those members of remaindered royalty, dis-persed round western Europe after the second world war. I being Official Keeper of the Loo Roll Supply and think that stuffing cherry tomatoes is time well spent, this could be

an option. But the world is a big, mad, fascinating place and other women long to get out there and conquer it. They crave adult conversation, the respect of their peers, and just a bit of space for themselves which isn't tied to filling the fridge. They would love to go back to work - if only they had nice

jobs to go to. So what is this survey really saying? That 66.6 per cent of this country's working mothers want to go home? No, it says that too many women

have to do awful jobs. I'd certainly be interested to know what sort of work the others are doing - the onethird of those surveyed who don't want to give up. They might not all have company BMWs and a seat on the board, but I bet they are adequately paid, promoted to the right level for their competence, and just plain apprec-

iated and encouraged.

Above and below the line

Britain puts graphology on a par with reading tea leaves. George Hill meets an expert who believes we have a lot to learn

e had better start minding our "p"s and "q"s: Anna Koren is trying to persuade us - and our - that handwriting is a reliable index to ability and character. She is the founder of the Graphology Institute of Tel Aviv, which claims to be the largest graphological centre in the world. Recently Mrs Koren opened a new office for the institute in Oxford Street, London. In Israel, Mrs Koren advises

personnel directors of large companies, lawyers, professors, psychia-trists, and the armed forces. She also has her own radio programme. In Britain, graphology as a tool of character analysis is widely regarded as on a par with tea leaf interpretation. A few companies use it, including the merchant bank S.G. Warburg and Heron International. Firms with faith in graphology tend to be subsidiaries of foreign groups, or have been under the influence of individuals who have esteemed it highly - Gerald Ronson in the case of Heron, and the late Sir

Siegmund Warburg at Warburg's. Mrs Koren daims that in Israel handwriting analysis is sometimes admitted by courts as evidence capa-ble of shedding light on the character of a witness or a defendant Israeli psychiatrists have publicly spoken with respect of her researches into the possibility of detecting incipient men-tal illness through the handwriting.

Graphologists come in sharply contrasted modes: some assert their scientific claims by adopting an austere tone of rigorous research. while others, including Mrs Koren,

do not disdain a hint of mystery. There are different schools of graphology," she says. "The German method is to look closely at every detail, every dot, while the French pay more attention to the flow, the gestalt. I combine both methods, but first I look at the whole."

At the same time, she stresses the role of intuition in her work. Her book, The Secret Self. is full of accounts of near-miraculous feats of insight: plausible rotters unmasked when about to be appointed to positions of trust, pregnancy diagnosed before the mother herself suspected she was pregnant, girls saved from marriage to apparently impeccable young men who later proved to be drug addicts or mentally

Mrs Koren has little respect, how-ever, for practitioners who claim to be

able to judge a character from the cross of a "t". An isolated sign is almost meaningless, she believes. When employers ask for an assessment on an employee or applicant, she asks for details of age, sex. disabilities, left or right handedness, educational background, place of birth and about 20 lines of extempore prose, written on unlined paper with ballpoint (more revealing than any other pen). At least two assessors work on each report.

Every aspect of the way the writer forms words and sets them out on the page can yield clues, according to Mrs Koren. Large letters and wide spacing suggests an expansive na-ture, while small and cramped writing may indicate discipline, thoroughness, or pedantry. Wide margins all round a compact body of text suggest a withdrawn nature, although possibly an artistic one; narrow margins suggest organising ability or parsimony. Variation in the form and slant of the letters may indicate boldness and originality, or childishness and instability.

Emphasis on the upper lengths of lower case letters such as "l", "t" and "f" suggests idealism, while emphasis on the below-the-belt extremities of "g", "y" and "p" suggests a strong interest in sex. Stressed initial letters and numerous letters left open at their base may be warning signs of dishonesty. Dotting one's "i"s with a little circle can indicate "hallucinations and inability to face reality".

n a parlour-game level. all this is highly intriguing, and much of it sounds persuasive. But is it reli-able enough to govern employees' prospects? Mrs Koren herself recommends that graphology should only make up 25 per cent of the selection process. But in Israel, some employers apparently use it as a preliminary screening procedure. In these cases. some applicants are rejected entirely on graphological grounds.

Under scientific scrutiny, record is not impressive. Asked for research evidence. Mrs Koren offered a 1984 MA thesis from Tel Aviv university. which concluded from 161 samples that graphology was more reliable than guesswork, but correlated weakly with conventional psychological tests. Its validity "was established in extreme cases, especially regarding traits such as femininity, domineer-ing tendencies, exhibitionism and achievement orientation."



Word power: Anna Koren is founder of the Graphology Institute in Tel Aviv

Last year Jonathan Cox, a chartered psychologist with British Telecom, presented a paper to the British Psychological Society, describ-ing an experiment in which two British graphologists tested handwriting samples from 50 candidates who were being assessed by conventional methods for a management training scheme. The tests included written exercises, psychometric tests

and group discussion exercises.

No correlation at all was found between the graphologists' findings and those of conventional methods. In fact they came less close than three of the scheme's assessors, who produced handwriting reports without any graphological training.
"Of course, it could be said that the

graphologists were right and the assessments wrong," says Mr Cox. "But assessment centres have a long history of success. It is measured by making further checks on the performance of recruits after some time in the job. There is a wealth of research confirming the predictive validity of these methods.

If graphology is not valid, how is it that so many employers evidently swear by it? There are signs that a snowball effect exists: in countries where the method is well regarded. employers will be less apt to be critical. Those who do use it will notice that many of their employees are bright and eager to please, and will give the credit to graphology. Some sceptics add that graphology is relatively cheap, compared to an assessment course, typically extend-

ing over several days.

Another psychological factor may come into play. "It is well established that people will readily accept generalised descriptions of personality as relating to them personally."

Mr Cox says. "Look how easily we can find something that fits ourselves in a newspaper horoscope. I don't have a particular axe to grind over this, but I believe these things should be put to the test. Given the number of people making money out of graphology, I'm surprised they have never built a proper research programme to support their case."

Back to Mrs Koren. "There has been research, but not enough. There is a prejudice against us. Psychologists don't like us — they think graphology bypasses them. I don't see myself as having anything to prove. I have so much work, and graphology is so widely accepted already. I will cooperate with researchers, but I don't start projects myself. I suppose I'm not a fighter. If this is not settled in my time, then I am content to leave it to a new generation to prove."

Guerrilla Girls go ape

Some American feminists are RAW (Really Angry Women) and more than ready for direct action

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WAC! WHAM! POW! It's No More Nice Girls and it's RAW. It's the new feminism in America. More precisely, it's "in-your-face" feminism and it's meant to shock.

These groups reflect the reemergence of a feminism from the radical 1960s when outrage, not negotiation, was the weapon. The 1990s activists are leading the battle for women's right to abortion. clashing at clinics with anti-abortion activists.

They are holding teach-ins for everything from breast selfexams to "safe" (and illegal) at-home abortions.

They are packing courtrooms at rape It is like trials to support victims and disthe 1960s, rupting religious services that embrace the antiabortion movement. "The more outrage mainstream women's groups like NOW [the Nationwas the Organisation weapon for Women have their place but they do not do the kind

of direct action we need," says Helene Schpak, of the Los Angeles-based RAW (Really Angry Women).

WHAM (Women's Health Action and Mobilisation) gagged the Stame of Liberty to protest against regulations banning abortion counselling at federally funded health clinics. WAC (the Women's Action Coalition) marched its drum corps through New York's Grand Central Terminal on Mother's day to protest against men who will not pay child support.

POW (Pissed Off Women) has blockaded urinals in museums to demand urgent health care reforms; and the Guerrilla Girls continue to wage poster campaigns and show up at art openings wearing gorilla masks to pro-test against male negemony in the art world.

Ask who started the new movement and the answer comes quickly: Anits Hill.

Frustration over the confirmation of Supreme Court Judge Clarence Thomas last year and more recent debates about the William Kennedy Smith and Mike Tyson rape trials have sparked these and new feminist groups such as The Third Wave. Resemment over the erosion of Roe v. Wade, the court ruling making abortion a constitutional right in America, has also generated new energy and enthusiasm for improved health care and economic equality. WAC is the largest and the newest addition to the under-

ground movement, boasting 1,600 members in New York alone since the first meeting in January. WAC's weekly meetings in New York draw crowds of 500 to 700 women - men are not welcome. The offshoot of a symposium on feminists, literature and art, and has now grown to include women

of all ages and professions. WAC has been criticised for being mostly white and middle-class. We have got a whole contingent of people who are 'other'," replies Ellen Salpeter, a 32-year-old art publisher. We have got women who are on welfare, who are disenfranchised, who cannot pay their rent, who are not heterosexual."

No More Nice Girls are the more mature contingent. With a core group of a dozen or so "old soldiers" of the women's movement, the group has been going since 1979 and stands up for a broad definition of sexual freedom. At a march in Washington DC against restricting abortion, members wore large pink foam-rubber lips on their heads, with the message: Read Our Lips, Vote for Choice.

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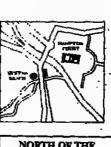
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Could Norfolk's good health be an indication of full recovery to come?

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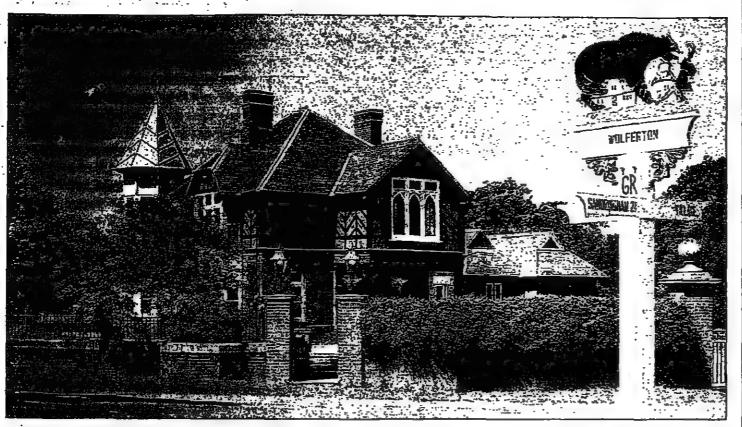
ast Anglia is to housing experts what Basildon is to psephologists: a key indicator of future trends. If the market picks up in East Anglia, the argument goes, then the rest of the country will follow. The first stirrings have begun. The Nationwide Building Society and the Halifax this month reported price rises of 1.6 per cent and 1.2 per cent for the second quarter for the region making it the only improved the region making it the only improved the region making it the contract. the region, making it the only area.
in the South-East to perk up. Agents are piping up with reports of humming offices. There is proof too, from the National Association of Estate Agents' most recent survey of the housing market, which singled out the area as showing the most signs of recovery of all the regions it surveyed. People are viewing, prices are stable or edging up, and the number of sales is

In 1988, prices in East Anglia nearly matched those of the Home Counties. High-tech science parks mushroomed around Cambridge, boosting prices. The A1 to Peterborough improved.

Agents gushed about the discovery of an area that was natural second-home country for the City workers flocking to Docklands. Why, it was not much further than Oxfordshire or Hampshire, and hist look at how much more rectory you could get for your money.

The agents have been more subdued of late after swingeing price falls of 30 per cent, which were more punishing than anywhere else in the country. In the first three months of the year, prices fell by 5.9 per cent, a greater fall than in any other region, including London. Last year, prices fell by 6.9 per cent, compared to annual falls in the South-West of 7.1 per cent, and 8.4 per cent falls in London. Where prices have fallen by the most, there is the most incentive to buy," says Gary Marsh, the Hali-fax's chief economist.

East Anglia's unemployment rates are among the lowest in the country and earnings have in-creased. In demographic terms, the ing, there are some delightful



Market moves: properties such as The Old Station Master's House in Wolferton, King's Lynn, are attracting buyers to East Anglia

region is one of the fastest growing in the country. From August, the electrification of the railway line across the Fens will be complete, shortening the journey from Liver-pool Street to King's Lynn by 50 minutes to an hour and 40

.The improved rail link will certainly make the area more attractive to second-home owners beyond the bird-watchers, boating types and walkers who have long patronised the region.

Christopher Wilson, from Wilson

& Wilson, buyers' agents, has reservations about the accessibility of the area, however. He considers north Norfolk, in particular, to be out of commuting reach because of poor road links. The roads fail to compare with those to the West, such as the M40. M4, M3 and A3," he says. But poor communications are at

once the area's downfall and its saving grace, for they mean that it has remained unspoilt. King's Lynn has some fine Georgian terraces, and a handsome market square left over from its 18th-century heyday as one of the most important ports in the country.

Victorian terraced houses fronting on to the pavement, which can be bought for about £35,000. The average three-bedroomed semi costs about £45,000. The local agents, such as Abbotts, run by Peter Scott, and Black Horse agencies, have the best selection. In the medieval town centre of

> Mansion in Nelson street, which once belonged to the Samuel Brownes, a local banking and brewing family. The 18th-century house is Grade II listed and has been converted from offices into 12 flats.

King's Lynn is Lath

The main rooms remain intact. with panelling and original shut-ters, and their proportions unspoilt. Bathrooms (with blue and white tiles) and kitchens are tucked under stairs or in corners. The only sadness is that there is no garden to speak of, but these flats are ideal for first-time buyers. The properties are

on sale through Abbotts.

Drive out of King's Lynn, past the docks and food-processing factories, and one is almost immediately in the beautifully manicured

Royal Sandringham Estate, itself an attraction, with its acres of rho-dodendron-filled, woodland. The Old Station Master's House is an Edwardian village house on the edge of the estate on a quiet crossroads in the village of Wolferton, on sale through William H. Brown. The colourful, perfectly

kept village sign-post with its bear motif symbolises People are Wolferton's prosperity and gives the viewing, place a pleasant holiday feel. prices are To the north of Sandringham is stable the wild, flat north

Norfolk landscape. Dotted among the Broads are the area's characteristic stone cottages, their windows decorated with the brick edging and flint that is now so popular with executive-home builders.

Cottages on the coast in the popular villages of Hunstanton and Brancaster are at a 10 per cent premium, and rarely come on the market. But coastal junkies should remember that most of Norfolk's population, and many others besides, descend on such villages on a sunny day and it can become so

to get a drink at the local pub. Buying inland, where cottages cost around \$150,000 for three

Other properties for sale in the The Old Vicarage in Swaffham, is on sale through Bidwells for £270,000. There is even a house

Gunton Park was lent to the Prince and Princess of Wales while alterations were carried out at Sandringham in 1869. A guest noted: "Arrangements are very pleasant, a cup of tea and slices of bread and butter on being called. Breakfast when you like at small tables. Church within 100 yards. Singing good and sermons short."

still be very pleasant for future owners and their guests, making the long journey from London worthwhile after all. ● Abbons. 0553 765146; William H. Brown, 0553 771337; Bidwells, tel 0603 763939; Strutt & Parker, 0603

bedrooms, is not only cheaper but could also provide the peace that second-home buyers may be

area include a clutch of rectories. with a park, nearer Norwich than King's Lynn, on sale for £650,000 through Strutt & Parker.

Arrangements could, no doubt,

Myths of the market

Even with £150,000 to spend, things are not easy for first-time buyers

insist that "now is the time to buy" - especially for first-timers. Property has not been this cheap since 1983.

I started looking for a flat 15 months ago, expecting a "buyers' market". Eighty viewings later, I am ready to complete, but the flat was neither easy to find nor a

Admittedly, I set out with more to spend than the average first-time buyer. I had £75,000. thanks to a windfall from my grandmother, and the cousin was buying with had promised to put up half the cash for a flat, thereby doubling my potential purchasing power. As a cash buyer, I didn't face the problems of many first-time buyers who now find it difficult to secure the 95 per cent mortgages once readily available. I did, however, have to face the estate agents' disappointment that I had nothing to sell: in my area buyers outnumber sellers by four to one.

I was looking for a two-bedroomed flat with one large room and outside space for myself and a plant or two. I did not want a basement, nor a big kitchen, and I wanted large windows. My toughest demand, however, was probably the area: a certain square mile in west

A lew months on, I found a flat, through Foxtons, which fitted the criteria. My offer of £155,000 (£7,000 below asking

price) was accepted.

Then I saw the lease. The landlord, it seemed, could demand "contributions" in the name of repairs, and then not execute them. He could have charged me for a new roof and left me roofless. I pulled out.

Back at square one, I trudged round another 50 or so flats, described as "stunning", "sensa-tional", "outstanding" or "charming". They were not.

in desperation, I offered £152,500 for a flat priced (grandly in my view since it was barely finished) at £177,500. The owner ignored me.

Here was a type of vendor to avoid: the one whose mortgage now exceeds the value of his

property. He doggedly sticks to his asking price until the building society moves in. But the society is looking to recoup a large part of the original outlay and the price remains high.

! almost missed the flat I am now buying. The sitting-room sounded too small and at first I did not want to view the flat. But when I did, I fell for the bedroom, balconies and communal gardens. My first offers were rejected. The flat had been on the market for two weeks and the owner reckoned he could get his asking price. I thought he was hucky to get an offer so soon. His intuition was better than

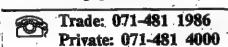
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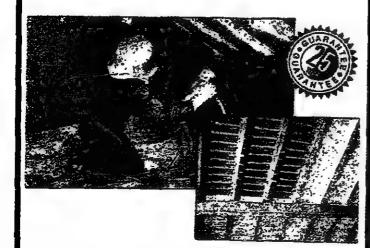
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Woolwich Equitable Building Society v Inland Revenue

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Goff of Chieveley. Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle. Lord Browne-Wil-kinson and Lord Slynn of Hadley Speeches July 20)

Money paid by a citizen to a public authority in the form of taxes or other levies paid pursuant to an ultra vires demand by the authority was prima facie

citizen as of right.

The House of Lords so held,
Lord Keith and Lord Jauncey dissenting, in dismissing an ap-peal by the Inland Revenue Commissioners from the order of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord Justice Buder-Sloss: Lord Justice Ralph Gibson dissenting) (The Times May 27, 1991; [1991] 3 WLR 790) allowing an appeal by the Woolwich Equitable Building Society, now the Woolwich Building Society, Nolan (The Times July 26, 1988:

[1989] I WLR 137].
Mr Justice Nolan had held that payments made totalling £57 million made by Woolwich to the Inland Revenue under the Income Tax (Building Societies) Regulations (SI 1986 No 482). nich were held on July 31, 1987 to have been ultra vires, were

The Revenue had repaid the but the society had claimed ennitlement to repayment, in order to claim interest thereon under section 35A of the Supreme Court Act 1981, inserted by the Administration of Justice Act 1982, from the dates that it had made the

Mr Ian Glick, QC, Mr Alan Moses, QC and Mr David Pannick QC for the Revenue, Mr John Gardiner, QC, Mr Nicholas Underhill, QC and Mr Jonathan

LORD KEITH, dissenting, said that the primary submission for Woolwich had been that a subject who made a payment in

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once acquired a right to recover and received to the subject's use. The considerable tract of gu-

thority, both in England and in other jurisdictions, afforded no support for that proposition. The principle to be derived from them was that payments not lawfully due could not be recovered unless they were made as a result of some

had been made in response to a demand by a public authority did not emerge in any of the cases as constituting or forming part of

the Revenue had no means other than the taking of legal proceed-ings which it might have used to

proposition would amount to a far reaching exercise of judicial leg-islation. That would be particularly inappropriate having regard to the considerable number of instances which existed of Parliament having legislated in various fields to define the mstances under which payments of tax not lawfully due

Lord Jauncey delivered a peech concurring with Lord

The justice underlying Wool-wich's submission was plain to

taxpayer was convinced that the demand was unlawful and had to decide what to do.

If it were to be as firmly and clearly drawn as some would wish, he could not help feeling decide what to do.

it was faced with the Revenue, armed with the exercive power of the state, and, in addition, understandably feared the damage to its reputation if it did not pay. So it decided to pay first, asserting that it would challenge the lawfulness of the demand in litigation. Now, Woolwich having won that that it was never under any obligation to repay the money an repaid it only as a matter of grace. Stated in that stark form, the Revenue's position appeared, as a matter of common justice, to be

of justice, there were a number of possible objections. The first was that our law of restitution, as it developed, might have recognised a condictio indebiti, an action for the recovery of money on the ground that it was not due, but had not done so and that it was too late to reverse

unsustainable. To the simple call

taxes unlawfully exacted was particularly obnoxious, because it was one of the most fundamental the Bill of Rights, that taxes should not be levied without the authority of Parliament; and full effect could only be given to that principle if the return of taxes exacted under an unlawful demand could be enforced as a

matter of right.

2 When the Revenue made a demand for tax, that demand was implicitly backed by the coercive powers of the state and might well entail unpleasant economic and social consequences if the taxpayer did not pay.

The second objection to the recognition of a right of recovery was that it would overstep the

houndary which the House traditionally set for itself, separating the legitimate development of the law by the judges from legislation. aware of the existence of the boundary, he was never quite sure where to find it. Its position

seemed to vary from case to case.

that a number of leading cases in the House would never have been

For example, the minority view would have prevailed in Donoghue v Stevenson [[1932] AC 562]: the modern law of judicial review would never have developed and Mareva injunctions would never have seen the light of day.

His Lordship concluded he had to recognise, in law, the force of the justice underlying Woodwich's case. The particular reasons which impelled him to that conclusion were:

I The opportunity would never come again. If the House did not take it now, it would be gone 2 However compelling the principle of justice might be, it would never be sufficient to persuade a

government to propose its leg-islative recognition by Par-liament; caution, otherwise known as the Treasury, would never allow that to happen. 3 The immediate practical impact of the recognition would be limited, for, unlike the present case, most cases would continue for the time being to be regulated by the various statutory regimes now in

4 If the principle was to be recognised it was an almost ideal moment for that recognition to take place. That was because the payments made under a mistake of law, was under active consid-

review of the law on that subject.
There was an immediate opportunity for the authorities concerned to reformulate, in collaboration with the Law Commission, the appropriate limits to recovery, on a coherent system of principles suitable for modern society, in terms which could, if it was thought right to do so, embrace the umusual circumstances of the present case. In that way, legislative bounds could be set to the common law principle.

5 It was well established that, if

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consolidated fund without authority, such money was ipso facto recoverable if it could be traced. The comparison with the position of the citizen, on the law as it stood, was most unattractive. 6 A person who paid charges levied by a member state of the European Community contrary to the rules of Community law was entitled to repayment of the charge: Case 199/82 Amministrazione delle Finanze dello Stato v San Glorgio SpA

(1985) 2 CMLR 658). At a time when Community law was becoming increasingly important, it would be strange if the right of the citizen to recover overpaid charges was to be more restricted under domestic law than it was under European law. His Lordship wor

hold that money paid by a citizen to a public authority in the form of taxes or other levies paid pursuant to an ultra vires demand by the authority was prima facie recoverable by the citizen as of right.
As at present advised, he in-

clined to the opinion that that principle should extend to emthrace cases in which the tax or other levy had been wrongly exacted by the public authority not because the demand was ultra vires but for other rea for example because the authority had misconstrued a relevant stat-ute or legislation.

It was not however necessary to decide the point in the present case, and in any event such cases were generally the subject of statutory regimes which legislated for the circumstances in which money either must or might be

Nor did he think it necessary to consider for the purposes of the present case to what extent the common law might provide the public authority with a defence to a claim for the repayment of money so paid; although he did not consider that the principle of recovery should be inapplicable simply because the citizen had raid the money under a mistake

Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Slynn delivered opinions concurring with Lord Goff. Solicitors: Solicitor, Inland Revenue: Clifford Chance

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Visitor not liable for ecological vandalism the operations were occupiers

Nature Conservancy Conneil Before Lord Templeman, Lord-Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jasmey of Tullichettle, Lord Lowry and Lord

[Speeches July 16]

A person who entered a site of special scientific interest ("SSSI") solely to carry our proscribed operations and who had no other connection with the size was not an occupier within section 28(5) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 liable to prosecution for failure to give prior notice of the proposed operations. The House of Lords so held in

dismissing an appeal by the Nature Conservancy Council-from the order of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Owen) (The Times June 17, 1991) allowing an appeal by way of case stated from decisions of the Isle of Wight Justices on January 9, 1990 convicting the Southern Water Authority on eight courts of carrying out operations on a site of special scientific interest without having given notice pursuant to section 28(5).

Mr Nigel Pleming, QC, for the council: Mr Richard Camden Pratt, QC, for the water authority.

LORD MUSTILL said that when the Nature Conservancy Council considered an area of land to be a site of special scientific interest it notified that fact to the local authority, the secretary of state and to every owner and occupier of any of that land identifying the flora and fauna which caused the land to be of special scientific interest and specifying the operations which appeared to the council to be kely to cause damage to them. After notification, it was an iffence for the owner or occupier

of the SSSI to carry out any of those operations unless, under section 28(5) and (6) the owner or occupier had given the council written notice of a proposal to carry out the operation, and the council had consented to the operations, or made an agree-ment, or four months had elapsed since the notice had been given; or the owner or occupier had a reasonable excuse for the contravention, as defined in sec-

It needed only a moment to see that the regime was toothless, for it demanded no more from the owner or occupier of an SSSI than a little patience.

Unless the council could convince the Secretary of State for the Environment that the site was of sufficient national importance to justify an order under section 29 rarely accomplished, the owner would within months be tree to carry out the proscribed operathe flora on the site.

In truth the Act did no more in the great majority of cases than give the council a breathing space within which to apply moral ressure, with a view to persuading the owner or occupier to make voluntary agreement.

None of that was in dispute.

What the appeal did disclose was that the statutory scheme was flawed in another respect. The facts of the case showed why. In 1982 the council notified an area of land in the Isle of Wight as an SSSI, including a strip of land known as Hill Heath disch. Among those to whom notification was given under section 28 were two farmers who owned land on either side of the ditch, and also the water authority, who owned a parcel of land elsewhere on the size. The notification an need a list of operations likely to damage flora or fauna.

During 1987 one or both farmers asked the water authority to dredge the ditch in order mitigate flooding. Neither the farmers nor the water authority gave the council written notice of that proposal as required by

on January 5, 1989 the water authority entered the disch and remained there continuously until ebruary 1, making use of a heavy hydraulic excavator to enlarge and re-shape the dirch

There was no doubt that those were operations falling within the scope of the notification. The ult was to cause grave dan to those natural features of the been designed to protect.

Faced with that act of ecological

vandalism the council decided to launch a prosecution under sec-tion 28(7). The natural sargers would have been the farmers but for sufficient personal reasons that was considered inexpedient.

There remained however the water authority, who not only

knew that the size was an SSSI. and that certain operations were proscribed, but had been formally notified of that fact in its own-The justices found as a fact that the water authority had been the

weeks when the work was carried out and convicted it as all His Lordship could not societ the argument that those whose occupation of the land was cre-

ated only by the fact that they

were the persons who carried our

within section 28(5). Section 28 contemplated that the elaborate machinery of notices, waiting periods, agreements and so forth would be set in motion by a notification under section 28(1) to an owner or

The juxtaposition with "owne." showed that the occupier was someone who, although lacking the title of an owner, nevertheless stood in such a comprehensive and stable relationship with the land as to be, in company with the actual owner, someone to whom the mechanisms could sensibly be made to apply. A stranger who entered the land for a few weeks

entered the land for a few weeks solely to do some work on it did not fall into that category.

His Lordship added that the evident weakness of the legislation would not have been satisfactorily remedied some if it had been remedied even if it had been possible to force on the statute the terpretation advanced by the council, for it would be in-sufficient to penalise the fly-dpper, a notorious threat to the countryside, whose methods in-volved a hasty and furtive dump-ing of rubbish in circumstances which could not make him an

The alternative ground for sustaining the convictions, advanced for the first time before the House, had been that the water authority was prohibited from working in the ditch by virtue of the mere coincidence that it happened to own of another portion of the site and had in that capacity been addressee of the

By section 28(5) "the owner or occupier of any land which has been notified ... shall not ...
carry out ... on that land any
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28(1) the recipients of the notification included "every owner and

occupier of any of that land" (emphasis added).

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the owner of that part.
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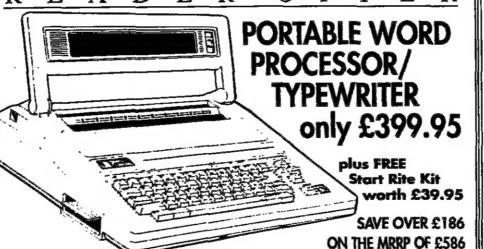
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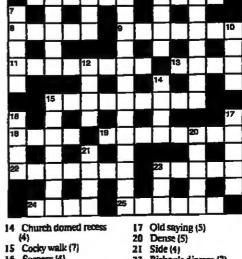
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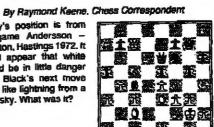
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Entertaining ideas for youngsters at a loose end (r) (s) (8928700) 10.00 News, regional news and weather (4011025) 10.05 Playdays (r) (8642342) 10.25 Double Dare. Young people's game show presented by Peter Simon (r) (s) (6756498) 10.45 The O-Zone (s)

11.00 News, regional news and weather (8794193) 11.05 The Flying Doctors (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7065261) 11.50 The Travel Show Traveller. John Thirwell's guide to northern Majorca (r) (9513939)

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(2507209) 4.35 Tricky Business (r) (s) (5650193)
5.00 Newsround (2458377) 5.05 Five Children and It. Episode one of a su-part adaptation of E. Nesbitt's story (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7368777)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (178716) 6.00 Six O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (667)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (919) Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (9321)



Spectator: heart by-pass patient Desmond Wilcox (7.30pm)

7.30 Fighting Back.

• CHOICE: As an audience-puller, getting an actress (Lynn Redgrave) to question well-known people (tonight, it is television documentary producer Desmond Wilcox) about their illnesses, is a form of double insurance — or treble insurance if there was a close encounter with the grim reaper. It was very close indeed in Wilcox's case. An "executive check-up" revealed that he was was on the-verge of a heart attack, and that if he wasn't operated on immediately, his wife Esther Rantzen would in all probability soon be his widow. Having undergone a by-pass operation, you would have thought wild horses wouldn't drag him back to the operating theatre where it all happened. But the film-maker in him won out and we see him tonight as a spectator at someone else's by-pass. (Ceefax) (s) (803)

8.00 Lovejoy. Ian McShane stars as the dodgy antiques dealer (r). (Ceefax) (661795)

8.50 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson (s) (944087) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (2700)

9.30 CIA: Executive Action.

 CHOICE: Immobilisation was the euphemism America's Central Intelligence Agency employed for getting nd of political undesirables like Castro, Allende and Guevara. The latter two were permanently immobilised. Castro lives on, although his former prifriend whom the CIA enlisted to eliminate him explains tonight that she would definitely have poisoned him if she had not undergone a dramatic change of heart at the very last moment, telling herself (and us) "I am a lover, not a killer". The abortive Bay of Pigs invasion was probably the most spectacular of the failed anti-Castro plots. More gentlemanly was the case of the British commodities broker who was asked by the CIA to help break the London sugar market so as to rum Cuba's economy. It is a startling figure, but probably accurate, that there were 26 CIA-backed assassination plots. (Ceefax) (400087)

10.25 Film: Gung Ho (1986) starring Michael (Batman) Keaton. Entertaining comedy about a car factory operative who convinces the Japanese to re-open his closed home town plant but doesn't forsee the culture clash that follows. Directed by Ron Howard (218464). Wales: A Day at the Show 10.55-12.40am Film: Gung Ho 12.10am Weather (9747052)

BBC2

7.10 Open University: Just an Illness (8265377) eakfast News (9027358)

8.15 The History Man. Bryan McNerney remembers the first fighter pilot to be downed in the second world war (r) (3276803) 9.00 Favourite Things. John Mortimer talks to Roy Plomley about the things that give him the most pleasure (7 (56280) 9.30 Film: Fraternally Yours (1934, b/w). Comedy starring Laurel and Hardy, Directed by William A. Seiter (30483)

10.30 Film: A Bill of Divorcement (1932, b/w). OCHOICE: For two reasons, George Cultor's film version of the Clemence Dane stage play is a collector's item. It bears probably the most off-putting title in movie history. More important, it was Katharine Hepbum's screen debut and, as you will see this

Katharine Hepbum's screen debut and, as you will see this morning, all the physical, vocal and interpretational components that have made her unique as a film performer were in good working order right from the word go (2690025).

11.35 Film: Pan-Americana (1945, b/w) starring Phillip Terry and Audrey Long. Musical tale of a woman journalist in South America in search of a story and romance. Directed by John H. Auer (2322700).

1.00 After Hours. Entertainment magazine (42779464). 1.20 Henry's Cat. (r) (54549862). 1.25 Fireman Sam. (r) (55240532). 1.35 Discovering Portuguese (r) (99500174).

2.00 News and weather (65077844). followed by A. Wazid Within Itself. A year in the life of an English oak wood (86482483). 2.35 Country File. How a 17th-century Worcestershire farmhouse was removed to the Blue Ridge Mountains (r) (4664716).

3.00 News and weather (4894261) followed by Cape to Cairo by train (r) (7200071). 3.50 News, regional news and weather (1945990).

4.00 Rita Hayworth. A look at the life of the 1940s "love goddess" (4358).

5.00 Film: The Black Knight (1953) starring Alan Ladd and Patricia Medina. Unintentionally funny historical drama directed by Tay Gametr (2199349)

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6.25 Rough Guide to Careers. Working with wheels (r) (136822)
7.05 Birthrights. A group of Southall-based British Asians tell what it is like to grow old in a white society. (Ceefax) (979193)
7.35 From the Edge. The first in a series on the arts, politics and news from disabled reporters. European union, Expo 92 racing politics and the Telethon are among this week's topics. (Ceefax) (581087)

8.05 Feelings: The Sun King. Mental health survivor, Debbie Nicholson looks back to the time she met her alter ego. (Ceefax) (244984)
8.10 States of the Mind: Cowboys and Chianos. The senes on different facets of American family life continues with a look at the controversy between the Denver Cattlemen's Association who want to expand their rodeo and the residents of a run-down Mexican community that stands in its way. (Ceefax) (980071)



Sugary romance: Josette Simon and Yul Vazguez (9.00pm)

9.00 ScreenPlay: Bitter Harvest.

● CHOICE. It is a safe bet that the Dominican Republic's celebrations marking the 500th anniversary of its "discovery" by Columbus will not include public screenings of this film, shot in the republic, scripted by Winsome Pinnock and Charles Pattinson, and vividly directed by Simon Cellan Jones. It indicts the slave-labour exploitation of Haitians working in the republic's sugar-cane fields, supervised by armed thugs who shoot first and ask questions afterwards, and it deplores the slums that make a nonsense of the republic's professed concern for the environment. This contempt is expressed in terms of a thriller in which a West Indian father and his white wife (Rudolph Walker, Sue Johnston) go to the republic to find their vanished daughter Gosette Simon), an aid worker whose dealism is ignited by a local lay preacher (Yul Vazquez), (Ceefax) (s)

10.15 ScreenPlay Firsts: Siberian Summer. A Hungarian woman's dreams of fairy-tale happiness contrasts vividly with the realities of her life (738174) 10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron (615377) 11.15 Rhythms of the World. The Texas Tornados in concert at Gruene Hall, Texas (s) (301822) 11.55 Weather (497938)

12.00 Open University: Age and Identity (6638255). Ends at 12.55am

6.00 T.;+am (3463735) 9.25 Your Number Please. Phone-in game show with cash prizes, hosted by Neil Buchanan (s) (1182483) 9.55 Thames News (6218716)

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10.00 Out of this World. Comedy series about a girl who inherits her alien father's supernatural powers (r) (s) (6228193) 10.25

Wowser. Animation (3521087) 10.55 News headlines

11.00 Ox Tales. Two more animated adventures for Offic the Ox (2689261) 11.25 Just for the Record. Record-breaking action from around the world (r) (9808803) 11.50 Thames News (5323006) 11.55 Cartoon Time (7412700) 12.10 Alisorts (r)

12.30 Lunchtime News with Dermot Murnaghan and Sonia Ruseler. (Oracle) Weather (3699280) 1.05 Thames News (23973700)
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2.15 Graham Kerr. The cook prepares salmon hash (395445) 2.45 Take the High Road. Drama series set in the Highlands (4680754)
3.10 TTN News headlines (4812667) 3.15 Tharnes News headlines (4811938) 3.20 The Young Doctors. Drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital (7298174)
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5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (6118434)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (349377)

5.55 Thames Help (r) (664464) 6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (735) 6.30 Thames News. (Oracle) (777)

7.00 Take Your Pick. Des O'Connor hosts the yes/no game show (s)

7.30 Coronation Street (Oracle) (241)

8.00 Hope It Rains. Comedy series starring Tom Bell as the irascible owner of run-down seaside resort waxworks and Holly Aird as his independently minded god-daughter. (Oracle) (s) (1667)

8.30 Land of Hope and Gloria. Simon Brett's comedy series about an American efficiency expert hired to improve the fortunes of an English stately home. Starring Sheila Ferguson and Andrew Bicknell. (Orade) (s) (4254)



Shooting on Capitol Hill: Kozlowski and Hamlin (9.00pm)

9.00 Favorite Son. Episode one of a three-part American mini-series to be shown on consecutive nights, starting Harry Hamlin and Linda Kozlowski. A vice-presidential hopeful is wounded when attending a press conference welcoming a Nicaraguan Contra leader who is assassinated. The president orders an FBI investigation and the world-weary agent Nick Mancuso is assigned to the case (continues after the news). (Oracle) (9919) 10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Fiona Amistrong. (Oracle)

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10.40 Favorite Son continued (608087)
11.25 Hollywood Report. Tinseitown gossip (s) (646822)
11.55 Film: Modesty Blaise (1966) starring Monica Vitti, Dirk Bogarde and Terence Stamp. Spoof thriller based on the comic strip about a beautiful British secret agent. Directed by Joseph Losey (73926822)
2.10am Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Animal Lover. A woman is used to expose a contman posing as a set (r) (7457507) to expose a comman posing as a vet (r) (2457507) 2.45 America's Top Ten (s) (11255)

3.15 Videofashion. Extravagant designs and designers (76080746)
3.40 Quiz Night. Inter pub and club competition (40363217)
4.10 Grand Ole Opry. Country and western music from Nashville (s)

4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Vintage newsclips (32144743) 5.00 Three's Company. American cornedy series (79101) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (48168). Ends at 6.00 **CHANNEL 4**

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (3461377)

9.25 Little Rosey. Animation (r) (s) (1166-145) 9.50 The Henderson Klds. Australian family drama serial (r) (2356377) 10.25 Film: Dancing Co-Ed (1939, ioW) starring Lana Turner. Musical tale of a dancer who is "planted" in a college in order to be "discovered" by a press agent. Directed by S. Sylvan Simon (38698551)

12:00 Land of Hope. Episode one of a ten-part drama senal following the fortunes of an Australian-Irish family from the turn-of-the-century to the 1970s (r) (7163464)

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12.55 Lights Before Dawn. Animation (70876629)

1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series (r) (76532)

2.00 Film: Give My Regards To Broadway (1948) starring Dan Dailey Musical about a retired vaudevillian who hopes his family will follow in his footsteps on the boards. Directed by Lloyd Bacon (755087)

3.35 The Three Stooges in Busy Buddies (b/w) (6423464)
4.00 in Search of Scotland's Larder. Derek Cooper travels to the Shetlands to sample fish stew and local salmon (r) (700) (250087)

4.30 Countdown. Another round of the words and numbers game, presented by Richard Whiteley. The guest is Sheridan Morley (934)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The audience is made up of mothers bemoaning the fact that their bachelor sons are not married (8812241)

5.55 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon (662006)



Village people: Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin (6.00pm)

6.00 Kate and Allie. Comedy series starring Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin as divorcees sharing a Greenwich Village home. (Teletext)

6.30 Tour de France. Stage 17 — La Bourboule to Montluçon, a distance of 170km (629)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (707629)
7.50 Party Political Comment by a Conservative party politican

(923209). 8.00 Brookside. Soap set in suburban Marseyside (9209)

8.30 The World in a Garden. The first of a four-part series following the restoration by the National Trust of the Victorian garden at Biddulp Grange near Stoke-on-Trent, presented by Roy Lancaster.

(Teletext) (8716)

9.00 Out: Lesbian and gay magazine. Oy Gay investigates the pleasures and pains of being lesbian or gay and Jewish. (Teletext) (1731)

10.00 The Golden Girls. More delicious comedy from the four Miami matrons (r). (Teletext) (55613) 10.30 Absolutely. Quirky comedy from Peter Baikie, Morwenna Banks, 🤚

Jack Docherty, Moray Hunter, Gordon Kennedy and John Sparkes (r). (Teletext) (s) (995025) 11.05 Mojo Working. Archive footage of Little Richard (s) (640648) 11.30 Sticky Moments on Tour with Justian Clary. Game show (r) (s)

12:20mm Four-Mations. Three animations from Czechoslovakia — The

Shooting Gallery, Springer and the SS and Inspiration

12.50 Films Death in High Heels (1947, L/w) starring Don Stannard as a detective investigating the murder of a model in a Bond Street frock shop. Directed by Lionel Tomilnson (7550656)

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6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor 9.00 Composers of the Week: William Walton, Improvisations

on an Improving to d'Benjamin Britten (LSO under André Previn): Spiffire Prelude and Fugue (Royal Liverpool PO under Groves); Cello Concerto (Raphael Wallisch; LPO under Brurten Thomson):

Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe. Avison (Concerto in A. Op 6 No 12); Berlioz (Les Nuits d'été, Nos 1-3); Schumann (Fantasiestücke, Op 111);
Alwyn (Concerto, Lyra
Angelica); Krahmer (Variations
brillantes); Liszt (Sursum corda,
Années de Pelerinage); Berhoz
(Les Nuits d'été, Nos 4-6);
Debussy (Arabesque No 2);
Haydh (Symphory No 90 in C)
12.10pm BBC Scottish SO under
Jerzy Maksymiuk performs
Sibelius (Prelude, The
Tempest); Mozart (Piano
Concerto No 21 in C, K 467);
Wagner (Overture, The Flying Fantasiestücke, Op 111);

Wagner (Overture, The Flying Dutchman) 1.00pm News Russian Cello Music: Sophie Rolland, cello, Marc-Andre Hamelin, piano, perform Prokofiev (Sonata in C., Op 119); Glazunov (Chant du Menestrel); Shostakovich

(Sonata in D minor, Op 40) (r) 2.05 Bliss: BBC Opera Chorus; BBC Concert Orchestra under Wordsworth perform Overture, Edinburgh Baraza, Men of Two Worlds: Concerto for two pianos and orchestra L'athron Sturrock, Piers Lane 2.40 French Quintets. Ropartz (Prèlude, Marine et Charson:

(Prétude, Marine et Chanson: Melos Erisemble; Osian Elis, harp); Roussel (Serènade, Op 30: Joke Willing-Brethouwer, harp, Pieter Ode, flute, Peter Thoma, violin, Joke Vermeuten, voola, Henk Lamboon, celloi.

Lambooy, cello)
3.10 Vintage Years: Hans
Rosbaud, the pianist and
conductor. Overture, The
Marriage of Figaro (Societé
des Concerts, Aix-enProvence); Bartok (Sonata for two pianos and percuss first movement: Maria Bergmann, plano, Werner Grabinger and Ench Seiter, percussion): Blacher (Concertante Musik, Op 10: Berlin PO): Webern (Six Pieces,

RADIO 3 Op 6: South-West German RSO); Stravinsky (Petrushka-final scene, 1947 version; Ansterdam Concertgebouw Orthestal 4.00 Choral Evensong, live from the Chapel of Magdalen

College, Oxford 5.00-Spirit of the Earth: Live from the Purcell Room, London, the ensemble Puspa Nugraha plays gamelan music from Sunda,

gamelan music from Sunda, the western part of Java S. A.S. Mozart and Dwořále:
Schubert Ensemble of London performs Mozart (Plano Quartet in E. flat, K. 493);
Dvořák (Plano Quartet No 1 in D. Op. 23) (r) 6.55 News.
7.00 Proms 1992: Live from the Albert Hall, London. BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pescal Tortelier performs Ravel (La Waise); Henri Dutilleux (Tout un monde lointain ... Cello Concerto: Tim Hogh). 7.50 Roger Nicholas visits the Saint-Saers room at the castle museum in Dieppe. 8.10 Saint-Saers (Symphony No 3 in C minor, Organ Symphony: lan Tracey)

lan Tracey)
9.00 The Return of What's the
Big Idea? Bryan Magee takes
us on a guided tour of the 9.45 Ravel (Pavane pour une

Letters of Paul: Galatians to Thessalonians. Timothy West reads the first of eight episodes from the Revised English Bible

10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray meets the actress losette Smon. Ind. 11.00 News

11.30 Gardeners' Question Time:

3. A postbag edition (1)

12.0 You and Yours

12.25 pm The Harpoon: The first of four weekly issues of the comedy magazine (s) 12.55

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1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (s) (1) 1.55

Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; The Peggers and the Creekers

Checks of the contents of the contents of the Peggers and the Creekers infante defunte; Menuet antique: Paul Crossley, piano) 10.00 Proms 1992 OCHOICE: Whatever other honours the Cuban conductor Odaline de la Martinez may have to share, there is one noone can take from her, that of being the first woman to conduct a Prom. That was in 1984 She is back in the Albert Hall for this late-night Prom, with her very own group Lontano, the BBC Singers, and soprano Anne Davison. Another of her honours was the award of the 1988 Villa Lobos medal from the Brazilian onwernment. Artiv

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CHOICE: If the other two plays in Catherine
Czerkawska's trilogy about
Ayrshire peggers (bootmakers) at odds with creelers
(fisher folk) can maintain the momentum, atmosphere and rounded characterisation of the first, Salt Sea Strawberries, then we are in for a family sage of rare quality. This is Romeo and fullet with a whiff of 20th-century herming and leather about it, so it is no coincidence that the play which czerkawska's young scots loves (Syōli Wintrope and Smart McQuarrie) go to see during one of their tysts is the one about those two, more celebrated, lovers from more relebrated, lovers from

(s) Stereo on FM
5.35am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, ind 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
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8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55
Weather 7.45 Thought for the
Day 8.43 William at War:
Entertainment Provided, by
Richmal Crompton (3 of 5)
8.58 Weather
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3.00 Two Tramps in Prance:
Andrew Sachs usits the haunts
of Richard Humphreys, a
Hampstead pharamacist,
whose Edwardian hiker's
cliaries told of his romantic
encounters with beautiful girls
in rural France. With Michael
Hordem as Humphreys and
Nigel Hawthome as Arthur
Keating (s) (r)
3.42 The Parts, with Sue Nelson
News

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4.60 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope examines the role of dogs in films, discusses the ScreenPlay series on BBC2; and reviews the Alvin Alley Dance Company (s)
4.45 Short Story: The Judgement of Parts, by Leonard Merrick. Read by Geoffrey Beevers
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Brain of Britain 1992; First Semi-final — London and the South (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archiers
7.20 Costing the Earth reports from the Whole Earth Show in Dorset (r)
7.45 Medicine Now, with Geoff-Watts (r)
8.15 Age to Age (r)
8.45 What Kind of Lord This Be?
Coming Sweet talks to Lord Tony Gifford and his write, Jamaican writer Elean Thomas, about their unusual relationship
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r) 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleido

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9.45 The Financial World Tonight
(s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Stranger
in the House, by Georges
Simeron. Read by Jim Norton
(3 of 10) (r)
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Gostington the High Street
Walking the Asies with Albert
Gubay, Ray Gosting meets the
man behind Kwik Save (r)

11.30 Les Liaisons Dangerauses.
Third of an eight-part
adaptation of Choderlos de
Laclos's novel (s)

12.08-12.43am News, incl 12.27
Weather 12.33 Shipping
12.43 World Service (LW only)

Brazilian government. Aprily, tonight is an all-Villa Lobos right two of his Bachlanes, the popular number 5 and the number 9, the Chôro number 7; the Nonet, and his Quartet for flute, celesta, harp and alto sax 11.30 News

11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: The Court of Frederick the Great (r) REQUENCES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;RA-97.6-99.8.
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